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Whitehall Wednesday 16 Jan.y 1723

At a Meeting of His Majestys Comm.rs for Trade and Plantations

Present

M.r Chetwynd M.r Bladen

M.r Pelham M.r Plumer

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A memorial from M.r Shelton desiring to be heard by Counsel against an Act passed in Carolina in 1722 Entituled An Act for the better Government of Charles Town was read whereupon ordered that M.r Shelton have notice when their Lordships shall take into further Consideration the aforesaid Act

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21 Febr.y 1723

A Letter from Lord Carteret of 14 Feb.y 1722/3 referring to the Board the Petition of Will.m Rhett Esq.r Surveyor Gen.l of His Majestys Customs in South Carolina as also the Memorial of M.r Yonge Agent for that Province with several papers relating to the complaint against the said Rhett was read And the papers therein referred to was laid before the Board viz.t Memorial to Lord Carteret concerning the Surveyor and Comptroller of the Customs in South Carolina 1.ra Petition of Coll.o Rhett to His Majesty relating to the complaint against him. Several Affidavits &c Papers relating to the Complaint against Coll.o Rhett

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7 May 1723

M.r Wests report upon An Act passed at Carolina in June 1722 for the good

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good Government of Charles Town was read, whereupon Ordered that Mr Yonge Agt for Carolina and Mr Shelton be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with them thereupon this day Sennight at eleven o'clock in the morning

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14 May 1723

Mr Yonge Agent for Carolina and Mr Shelton attending as they had been desired in relation to the Act passed there in June 1722. Entituled An Act for the good Government of Charles Town their Lordships after some discourse with them thereupon desired they would put in writing what they had to offer for and against the said Act which they promised to do accordingly

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15 May 1723

A Letter from Mr Burchet desiring Copies of two Acts passed at Carolina in 1721 and 1722 Entituled An Act for ascertaining Publick Officers Fees and An Act for the good Government of Charles Town Whereupon ordered that a Letter be writ to Mr Burchet to inclose the said Copies

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24 May 1723

A Memorial from Mr Shelton against the Act for making Charles Town a City incorporate was read. A Memorial from several merchants concerning paper Money in Carolina was read. Whereupon ordered that copies of the two said Memorials be given to Mr Yonge and that he be ordered to attend the Board on Wednesday next at eleven of the Clock in the morning and further ordered that Mr Shelton do attend at the same time

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29 May 1723

Mr. Young and Mr. Shelton attending as they had been desired in relation to the Carolina Act for the good Government of Charles Town. and Mr. Yonge desiring their Lordships to defer the consideration thereof until tomorrow morning that he might have further time to put in writing what he had to offer in answer to Mr. Sheltons Memorial (mentioned in the Minutes of the 24th Inst) their Lordships were pleased to agree thereto and ordered that the said Mr. Shelton and Mr. Yonge attend accordingly

30 May 1723

Mr. Shelton and Mr. Yonge attending as they had been desired with several other Gentlemen in relation to the Carolina Act for the good Government of Charles Town. Mr. Sheltons Memorial mentioned in Minutes of the 24th inst. was again read and he produced to their Lordships the following papers in proof of the several articles of his said Memorial Viz. Abstract of the Town Tax List. The petition of the Inhabitants of Charles Town to the General Assembly against the Corporation Act. Copy of the Petition of the Inhabitants of Charles Town to the Govr. Council and Assembly against the Corporation Act. Affidavit of Saml. Eveleigh in relation to proving the Towns people were surprised into the Law. Copy of the Muster Roll of Capt. Vanvelsins Company. Copy of the Muster Roll of Capt. Stoutenburghs Company. Copy of the Warrt. of Commitment of Eleazer Allen. Copy of the Warrant of distress on the Goods and Chattels of Saml. Eveleigh. Mr. Yonge then laid before their Lordships his answer thereto in writing which was read and their Lordships

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after some Discourse with these Gentlemen upon the whole Order'd the draft of a Rep.n to be prepared for repealing the said Acts

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19 June 1723

A representation upon an Act passed in Carolina in 1722 Entituled An Act for the Good Government of Charles Town ordered to be prepared the 30.th of last month was agreed and signed

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4 July 1723

A Memorial from several Merchants of Carolina in relation to the Arbitrary Behaviour of Gen.l Nicholson Governor of that Province was read Whereupon Order'd that a Copy thereof be given to M.r Yonge Agent for the said province

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10 July 1723

M.r Yonges account of the Trade of South Carolina with proposals for improving the same was read. M.r Yonges answer to M.r Rhetts petition was read A petition of several Merchants trading to Carolina complaining of the increase of Paper Money in that Province was read as likewise a Reference from the Lord Carteret upon the same subject Whereupon order'd that the several Carolina Merchants who signed the said petition as also M.r Yonge Agent for the Province be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with them on Thursday morning the 25.th inst. A Letter from M.r Yongo to the Secretary dated the 9.th of Febr.y 1722/3 was read And the papers

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therein referred to were laid before the Board viz.t Capt. Francis Goddard his Affidavit. List of Tryals in the Oct.r sessions held at Charles City and Port 1722. Proceedings against Wm. Rhett. Proceedings against Adam Steward. Proceedings against Timothy Bellamy. Coll.o Rhetts case by the Attorney Gen.l Don Antonio Rexidores Petition to Gen.l Nicholson &c. claiming some slaves stolen by Indians & sold in Carolina. Minutes of Council of 9.th November & 18.th Janry 1721 about the Hon.ble Benj.n De La Conseillere Esq being appointed His Majestys Treasurer and of 10.th 19.th & 26.th April 1722 relating to Mr. Rhetts claim in behalf of the Lords Proprietors. The Hon.ble De La Conseillere Esq His Maj.ts Treasurers Bond for the discharge of his trusts. Copy of Lists of Vessels & Negro Slaves &c. taken by the Spaniards since the peace & carried to St. Augustine. Capt. Daniel Greens Comm.n Bond & Oath as Naval Officer. Copy of the State Oaths taken by the Officers Civil & Military. Copy of the claim of Coll.o Wm. Rhett Receiver for the Province of all Fines &c. and his Petition to Gen.l Nicholson thereupon in 1722. Copy of what General Nicholson proposed to say to the Spaniards sent from St. Augustine as also what both houses proposed. Credentials (translated) from the Gov.r of St. Augustine to Don Francis Menandes a Spanish Marquis together w.th a Copy of the Gov.rs Letter to Gen.l Nicholson and his Answer. Journal of Assembly of 6.th 7.th & 9.th November 1722. A Letter from Gen.l Nicholson dated the 21.st of April 1723 was read. A Letter from Mr. Yonge dated the 10.th of July 1723. And the Papers therein referred to were laid before the Board viz.t Minutes of Council in Assembly from 6.th Novem.r 1722 to 23.rd February 1723 and of Assembly for the same time. Eleven Acts passed one in December 1722 & Ten in Feb.y 1723. A Letter from Gen.l Nicholson

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Govr of that province of Carolina dated the 16th of October 1722 was read. And the papers therein referred to were laid before the Board Viz. Minutes of Council from the 4th of September to the 6th of October 1722. Another Letter from Genl Nicholson dated the 4th of December 1722 giving an account of the proceedings of the Assembly was read. Whereupon Ordered that the draft of an Answer be prepared to Genl Nicholson's said Letters. A Letter from Mr Yonge Agent for Carolina dated the 2d of April last desiring the Boards report upon Mr Rhets petition referred to their Lordships was read And their Lordships agreed to proceed no farther since Mr Rhett is dead

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17 July 1723.

The draft of a Letter to Genl Nicholson Govr of Carolina ordered to be prepared the 10th inst was agreed to and ordered to be transcribed

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18th July 1723.

A letter to Genl Nicholson Govr of Carolina agreed yesterday was signed

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25 July 1723.

Mr Samuel Wragg Mr Samuel Brick Mr John Lynch Mr David and Stephen Godin. Mr Ralph Noden Mr Jacob Satur & Mr Samel Travers attending as they had been desired. as also Mr Yonge Agent for the Province of Carolina the Honble James Berkie Esq & Mr Shelton in relation to an Act passd there in 1722 Entituled An Act for the reprinting the present Curnt Paper Bills of Credit and for printing the additional sum of £40000 in Bills of

Credit

Credit for paying off the Public Debts defraying the Contingent Charges and other emergencies of the Gov.t to the 25th of December next. A Memorial from several Merchants (mentioned in the Minutes of the 21st of May last) as also their Petition to the King both relating to the Paper Money (mentioned in the Minutes of the 10th Inst) were again read and Mr. Shelton in behalf of the several Merchants, enlarged upon the several Articles of their Memorial and Petition and laid before their Lordships several papers in Proof thereof particularly in relation to the several Merchants who signed the Petition to General Nicholson against passing the Act being committed to Prison viz.t Copy of a Memorial and Petition of several Carolina Merchants &c. to the Gov.r Council and Assembly there concerning Bills of Credit. The Report and Proceedings upon the Petition by the Assembly. Copy of the Petition to the Gov.r & Council from the Messengers House, Order of the Upper House pursuant to the Petition. Copy of the Order of the Gov.r & Council wch Mr. Brown Messenger to the Assembly refusd to receive. The Letter to the Gov.r & Council on the Messengers refusal. The Resolution and Answer of the Governor & Council & Copy of the Lower House's Resolution on the same. Copy of the Petition rejected first. Vote for rejecting the first Petition of Submission. Copy of the 2d Petition rejected & a Vote of the House for the same. Copy of the last Petition upon which the Merchants were discharged. Copy of the discharge of Benj.a Godin. Copy of an Order of the House for raising the Fees on this occasion. Mr. Yonge in behalf of the Governor and Council & assembly laid before the Board a Copy of the Proceedings at a Conference of both Houses there in relation to

to the paper Money which he said was all he had to offer on that subject. Whereupon ordered that the draft of a Representation be prepared for repealing the aforesaid Act about paper Money as also another therein referred to Entituled an Act for raising the Sum of Seventeen Thousand Two hundred Forty eight pounds 6 Six pence on Lands and Slaves for defraying the Charges of the several Forts and Garrisons discharging the Public Debts and providing for the other Emergencies and contingent charges of the Government. Ordered that Mr Yonge & Mr Buck be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with them on Tuesday the 6th of August at 11 of the clock in the morning in relation to the several complaints against General Nicholson. mentioned in the Memorial which was ordered to be delivered to Mr Yonge the 4th inst for his Answer thereto.

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26 July 1723

A Representation for repealing Two Acts passed in Carolina concerning Paper Money agreed yesterday was signed.

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6 August 1723

Mr Yonge Agent for South Carolina and Mr Buck attending as they had been desired with Sir Charles Trager and several Merchants concerning a Memorial mentioned in the Minutes of the 4th inst in relation to Two Sloops being seized and condemned by Genl Nicholson Govr of the said Province. Their Lordships acquainted them that as

as the said Case had been determined in Carolina their Appeal from thence ought properly to have been laid before the King in Council & that for that reason the Board could not take Cognizance of it without it should come referred to them

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26 November 1723

A Letter from Mr Yonge Agent for South Carolina dated the 11th and Mentioned in the Minutes of the 6th December last, was again read as likewise the several papers therein referred to, concerning a Company of Swiss who deserted from the French settlements near the Mississippi and brought with them their Captain to Carolina Whereupon their Lordships agreed to reconsider the same when any Complaint from the French relating to that proceeding shall come before the Board

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Whitehall Wednesday 18 March 1721

At a Meeting of His Majestys Comm.rs for Trade & Plantations

present

M.r Chetwynd M.r pelham

M.r Docminique M.r Bladen

M.r plummer

M.r West report upon an Act passed in South Carolina in 1721 Entituled An Act for vesting the Fee simple of a certain plantation and House commonly called the Governors House in the Honorable Robert Johnson Esq was read Whereupon ord.d that M.r Shelton Sec.ty to the Lords proprietors of Carolina be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him tomorrow morning

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19 March 1721

M.r Shelton attending as he had been desired Their Lordships had some discourse with him upon the Act passed at South Carolina Entituled An Act for vesting the Fee Simple of a certain Plantation and House commonly called the Governors House in the R.t Hon.ble Robert Johnson Esq.r and M.r Shelton desiring the Board would please to allow him some further time that he might have an opportunity to acquaint the Lords proprietors of Carolina therewith their Lordships were pleased to appoint Tuesday next to consider further of the said act

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21st April 1724

A Letter from the Duke of Newcastle dated 20th April 1724 referring to the Board several papers received from Monsieur Chamorel touching the Sieur Conturiers being detained by the Gov.r of South Carolina was read Whereupon Ordered that Mr. Yonge Agent for the said province be acquainted that the Board desires to speak with him thereupon tomorrow morning.

22 April 1724

Mr Yonge Agent for South Carolina attending as he had been desird their Lordships took again into consideration the Letter from the Duke of Newcastle of the 20th inst referring to the Board several papers receivd from Monsr Chamorel touching the Sieur Couturiers being detained by the Governor of South Carolina mentioned in yesterdays minutes and asking him whether he had received any account of this matter he said he had not Mr Yonge being withdrawn their Lordships ordera the draft of a Letter to be prepared thereupon to His Grace the Duke of Newcastle as also that the Secretary send a Copy of the aforesd papers to Genl Nicholson Govr of South Carolina for an answer thereto

23 April 1724

The Letter from the Duke of Newcastle in answer to one from His Grace of the 20th mentioned in the Minutes of the 21st Inst referring to the Board several papers from Monsr Chamorel touching the Sieurs Courtiers being detained by the Govr of South Carolina was agreed & signed. Ordered that Mr Shelton be desired to let their Lordships have as soon as possibly may be the opinion of the Lords proprietors of Carolina upon the Act passed in that province in 1721 for vesting the Fee simple of a certain plantation commonly called the Governors House in the Honorable Robert Johnson Esq

24 April 1724

The Letter to Genl Nicholson orderd to be prepared the 22d Instant in relation to the Sieur Conturiers being detained by the said General Nicholson

Nicholson in South Carolina was agreed and ordered to be sent

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29 April 1724

The Secretary acquainted the Board that Mr. Shelton Secry to the Lords proprietors of Carolina had informed him that their Lordships would make no objection to the Act passed in Carolina in 1721 Entituled an Act for vesting the Fee simple of a certain Plantation & House commonly called the Governors House in the Honble Robert Johnson Esq. thereupon ordered that a Draft of a Represent^n be prepared for confirming the same

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9 June 1724

A Letter from the Duke of Newcastle dated the 5th Inst. referring to the Board a proposal of Peter Purry for settling a Colony of his Countrymen in Carolina was read Whereupon ordered that Mr Shelton Secry to the Lords proprietors of Carolina be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him thereupon on Thursday morning next.

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11 June 1724

Mr Shelton attending as he had been desired their Lordships took again into consideration the Letter from the Duke of Newcastle mentioned in the Minutes of the 9th Instant referring to the Board a proposal of Peter Purry a proposal for settling a Colony of his Countrymen in Carolina And had some Discourse with him on this

this matter. Whereupon he desired that their Lordships would please to let him have an Extract of the said proposal that he might have an opportunity of consulting the Lords Prop.rs of Carolina upon it. And their Lordships ordered that the Secretary should give him an Account thereof in writing

22 July 1724

A Letter from Mr. Yonge Agent for South Carolina dated the 30th. of April last relating to the Compleints made by the Sieur Couturier against General Nicholson Gov.r of that Province was read Whereupon Ordered that the draft of a Letter be prepared to the Duke of Newcastle thereupon

23 July 1724

Mr. Shelton attending signified to their Lordships that he had consulted the Lords Proprietors of Carolina in relation to the Petition of Peter Purry a Swiss who proposes to settle a Colony of his countrymen in that Province, mentioned in the Minutes of the 9th. of last month. that he had Orders to acquaint the Board That the Lords Proprietors usually sold their Land at Twenty Pounds every Thousand Acres, and reserved a Quit Rent of a Penny an Acre. But in this case as they were willing to encourage the settlement of the Province their Lord.ps agreed to give the Land if the Swiss would pay after Three years time 2.d p.r Acre This their Lord.ps desired Mr. Shelton to put into Writing and let them have as soon as he could

20 August 1724

A Letter from the Lord Bishop of London of the 18th Inst. desiring the Board would please to dispatch their Representation upon an Act passed in the Province of South Carolina in June 1722 Intituled. An Act for advancing the Salaries of the Clergy was read together with Mr. Moss report upon the said Act & a Letter to His Lordship in answer to his abovementioned was signed

2 Sept.r 1724

A Letter from the Lord Bishop of London dated the 26th of August in answer to one from this Board of the 20th relating to An Act passed in South Carolina in 1722 for advancing the Salaries of the Clergy was read.

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Charles Town S. Carolina Jan.y 20.th 1723/4

May it please your Lordp.s

I herewith humbly Transmitt a Duplicate of my Letter to y.r Lordp.s of the 10.th of the last Month when I was in hopes the Assembly would have gone thro the bill for Sinking the paper bills of Credit &.c but there is almost every day some New Objections made either in the houses or by others & I herew.th send y.r Lordp.s a Copy of the Journal of the Comons house of Assembly that your Lordp.s may see what is done Concerning the said bill and other Affairs.

This Affair of the Currency & that of making our Comodities a Tender in Law are very Intricate because of the Different Interest of a Few Merchants & the planters but yet I hope in God they will Agree upon a bill Conformable to their Ex.cy.s the Lords Justices Orders of repeal & Letter & I begg leave to Assure y.r Lordp.s that I shall pass no bill which in my Opinion shall be Contrary to their Excell.cy.s repeal &.c & when I have passed any bill into a Law I shall According to Your Lordships Comands give my reasons thereupon

I thank God we have had an Extraordinary

fine

fine Winter so that the Planters have had a good Opportunity of finishing and bringing down their Comodities hither & we have now a good Number of Ships besides Sevl Already Sailed & yr Lordpt may see by the Naval Officers Lists (herewith sent) what Number of Ships & Vessells were Entered and Cleared the last Quarter since which we have Several Vessells come in

I likewise Transmitt to your Lordpt Copys of some proceedings of the Assembly of the 13th & 16th of this Instant.

The Publick Treasurer is making up his Accot in Order to be laid before the House of Assembly and I thank God I find that the Revenue will Amount to more then ever it did yet as likewise the Quantity of Rice (which proves Extraordinary good) as also the Pitch & Tarr; and that there is already sent home more than ever was known at this time of the Year and is Supposed that most of the Ships & Vessells here will be loaden with the said Comodities by the later end of the next Month or beginning of March. These things makes the Planters somewhat Easy but otherwise I Apprehend they would have proved to the Contrary.

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I am in daily hopes of receiving your Lordp.
Comands which shall be readily and Punctually
Obeyed by him who is

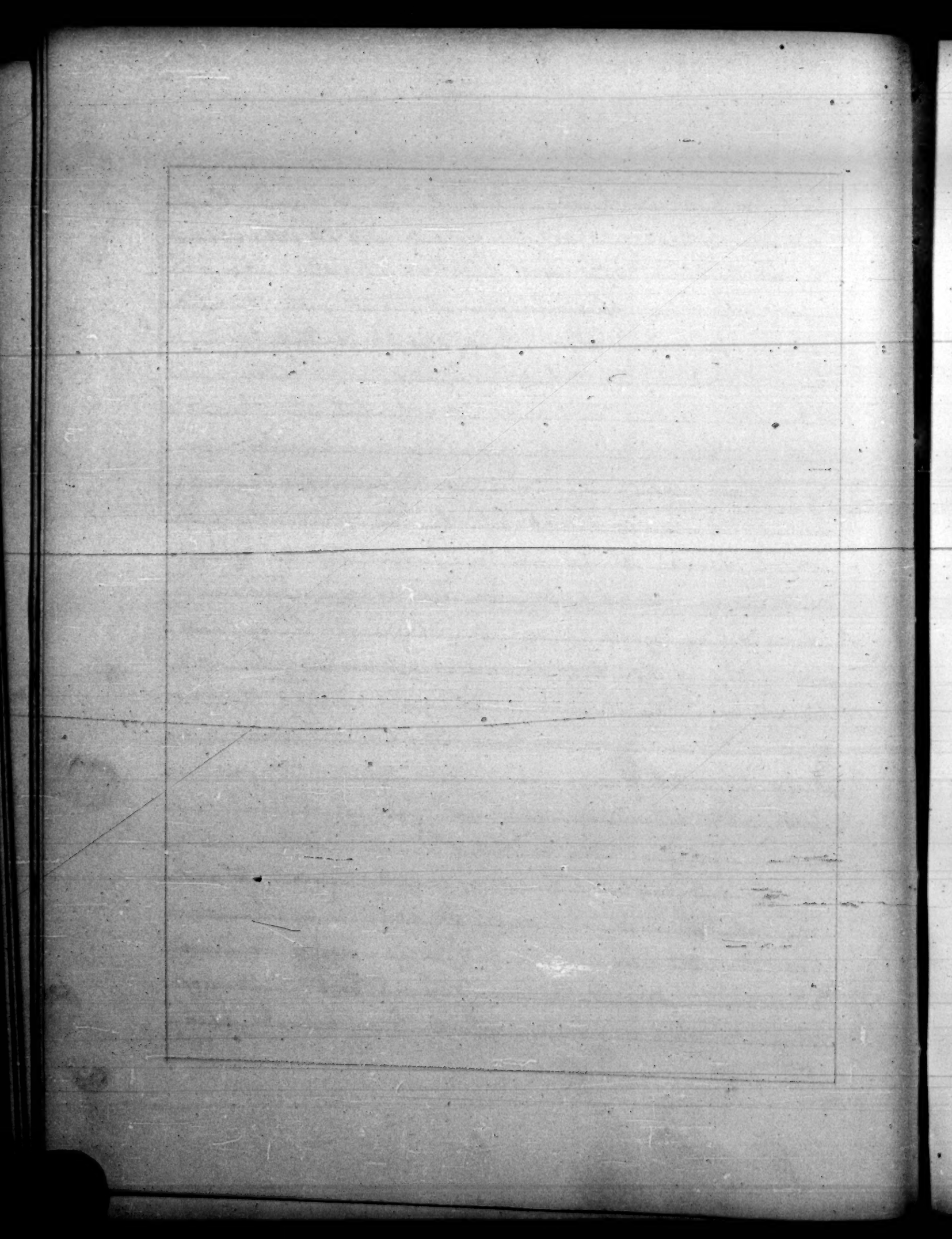
Your Lordp.
Most Obliged Obed.t & faithfull
Lords of Trade humble Servant
Jn Nicholson

P.S.

I have lately discovered some dealings of Messrs
Godin & Conseillere with the French a Cape Fremcais
which I take to be not only Contrary to my Lg
Instruction but also to the Acts of Trade & Navig
-ation I am getting all the proceedings to be put
under the great Seal to be Transmitted to Your
Lordp.s by

J. N

Recd 16.th March 1723/4
Read 29.th Octo.br 1724



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(15th February 1734)

To The King's Most Excellent Majesty

The humble Representation of the General Assembly of Your Majesties Province of South Carolina most humbly

Sheweth

That the Goods imported into this Province from England & the rest of Your Majesties Dominions amount to about one hundred thousand pounds a Year Sterling though the Number of taxable Inhabitants within the same do not exceed thirteen hundred; and Our Exports are in Value very near the same with our Imports, so that as We have now neither silver nor Gold for a Currency, it will be impossible for us to have any of Either, until our Exports exceed our Imports in Value, which we hope will never happen, because it will not be for the Advantage of Great Britain or this Province, that it should be so.

That the Currency of one hundred & twenty thousand Pounds We had before their Excellencies the Lords Justices Repeal from the Difference of Exchange between this Place & England was equal but to twenty thousand Pounds sterling which being but the fifth part

part of the amount of Our Trade it could not be more than sufficient for the Convenience thereof That the Government of Rhode Island that seldom sends a Ship to Great Britain has ninety thousand Pounds in Paper Mony, which according to their Exchange with Great Britain is equal to about thirty thousand Pounds Sterling and which is upon no better Foundation than the Currant Bills of this Province, and indeed it is impossible in these Parts of the World to settle such Funds for Paper Currency as is done in Great Britain, for which Reason they are made Payable in the Taxes & Duties provided to defray the Charges of the Government, and a Tender in Law by which they are always Currant without any Discount. That we hope we have comply'd with their Excellencies the Lords Justices Repeal, Dated in Council the twenty seventh of August last and their Letter of the Fifth of September following as will appear by an Act intituled An Act for calling in & sinking the Paper Bills &c now transmitted for Your sacred Majesties Royal Approbation. We are Apprehensive that what Contributed e most to the late Repeal was that the Laws for Establishing the Paper Currency provided for sinking them which is what our neighbouring Governments upon the Main

Main York care not to do, well knowing that when their Paper Currency was but sufficient for the Convenience of their Trade, whatever they sunk of it must be supplied by making more. That as this Province is the Southermost Frontier of Your Majestys Northern Dominions in America, both in Respect to the French & Spaniards & their Indians who are using all possible Ways & means to set their Indians on Ours and to get Our Indians & Trade to themselves which if not timely prevented may prove of fatal Consequence not only to this but other your Majesties adjoyning Colonies, and as this Colony furnishes great Quantities of Naval Stores for the service of your Majesties Royal Fleet and the Ships & other Vessels belonging to Great Britain. We most humbly pray your most Sacred Majesty to take the Premises into Your Royal Consideration, and to permit us to pass a Law to Establish a Paper Currency to the amount of Twenty thousand Pounds Sterling upon the same Foundation with that of Our Neighbouring Governments without which the Trade of this Country must greatly suffer

We are

May it please Your Majesty

Your Majesties

Most

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Most Loyal and most dutifull Subjects
and Servants

South Carolina
Charles Town February the 15th 1729

Memorand.m

The Original of this Address is to be signed by the Hon.ble Arth.r Middleton Esq.r President of his Majesties Council & the Hon.ble James Moore Esq.r Speak.r of the Comons house of Assembly on behalfe of the Twe house where the same was agreed to

a true copy
W.m Blakewey C. Dom Com.s

Recd April y.e 30th
Read Octob.r y.e 29th } 1730

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(15th February 1723/4)

List of Acts passed ye 15th Febry 1723/4

1. An Act for calling in and Sinking the Paper bills
2. An Act for raising the Sum of Eleven Thousand Six hundred Seventy two pounds on Lands and Slaves for defraying the Contingent Charges of the Governmt from the Twenty Ninth day of September last past unto the Twenty Ninth day of September which shall be in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Twenty four.
3. An Additional Act to an Act Intituled an Act for the better regulation of the Indian Trade by Appointing Commissionrs for that purpose passed the Ninth of September 1721
4. An Act for regulating the Guard at Johnsons Fort & for keeping good Orders in the Several Forts and Garrisons under the pay & Establishmt of the Governmt of this Province
5. An Act for the keeping & Maintaining a Watch & good Orders in Charles Town
6. An Act for the better Security of this his Majestys Province by putting the Inhabitants thereof in a better posture of Defence.

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7. An Act to Appoint the Commissrs to receive the Several Sums of money due on Bonds
8. An Act to revive and Continue the Several Acts & therein Mentioned
9. An Act for Settling and regulating the Pilotage of of this Province
10. An Act for the directing the Marshalls proceedings in cases of Execution
11. An Act for Joyning and Annexing the Inhabitants of the Ferry path, to the same division with the Inhabitants of the South side of Ashly River, from Hoopers Bridge to the line that divides the Parishes of St Andrews & St Georges and some other powers given to the Commissrs of the high ways.
12. An Act for the regulating Several Abuses in the Practice of the Law, for want of wch his Majestys Subjects of this Province have greatly Suffered.

Private Acts Viz.

1. An Act for vesting the fee Simple of Certain Tracts of Lands and Plantations respectively in Tobias Fitch, & Joseph Fitch, Two of the Sons of Jonathan Fitch deed and Susannah Fitch Widow.
2. An Act for Impowring certain persons therein Named to make Partition of the Lands & Tenements of Thomas Pinckney

Pinckney late of Charles Town Merchant deed between the Widow & Children of the said Thomas Pinckney

3. An Act for Settling the Estate of Richard Berresford Esqr deed

4. An Act for Settling a Fair & Markets in Ashley River Ferry Town in Berkley County for the better Improvement of the said Ferrys; it being a Principal Ferry leading to Charles Town.

5. An Act for Settling a Fair & Markets in the Town of Dorchester in Berkley County being a Frontier in that part of the Country.

6. An Act for Settling a Fair & Markets in Childsberry Town in St Johns Parish in Berkley County

7. An Act for vesting an house on the bay in Charles Town, Comonly called the New Market house in Andrew Allen & his Assignes for the Space of Twelve Years

8. An Act for vesting the fee Simple & Inheritance of a Plantation & Tracts of Land in Berkley County, containing One hundred Acres, in John Evans his heirs & Assignes for ever

9 An Act for Appointing Certain persons therein Named to make an Equal partition & Allotment of Two Several Plantations or Tracts of One hundred Acres & One

One hundred & Eighty Acres of Land Comonly called Wassamsaw between Wm Adams of Berkley County Planter & Robert Edgehill Minor, Son & heir of Richard Edgehill late of Berkley County Yeoman decd

South Carolina Ss Charles Town Febr 15th 1723

Jr Nicholson

Recrd April yr 26th
Read Octobr yr 29th } 1724

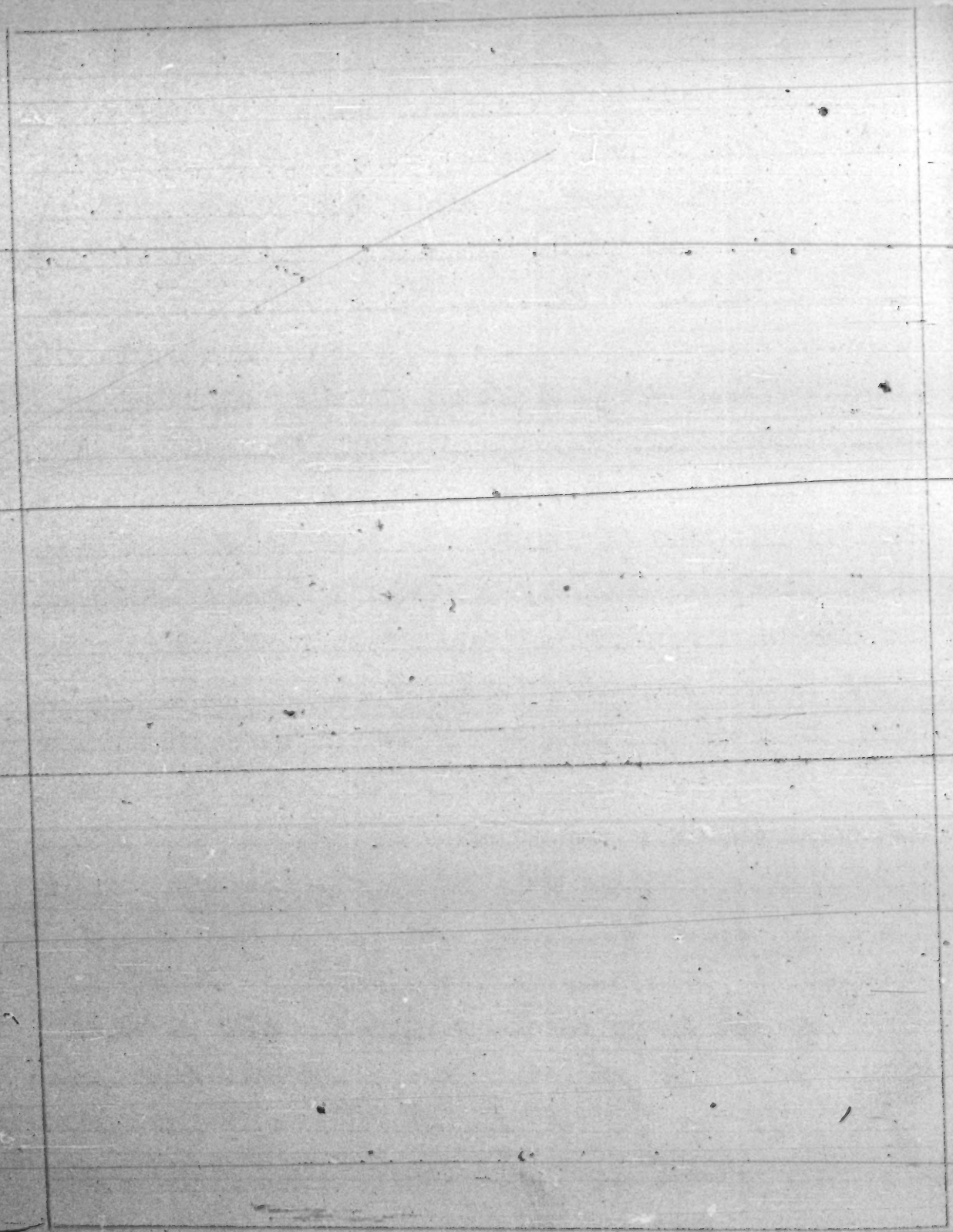
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S. Carolina Charles Town Feb.y 17.th 1733/4

May it please your Lord.p

On Saturday Night late I prorogued Our Assembly to the Tenth of March next & the Journalls of both houses & the Laws that I have past are preparing with all expedition in Order to my Transmitting them to your Lordships, but there being a Ship (God willing) now going to Great Brittain I thought it a Duty Incumbent on me to Send Your Lord.p the Copy of an Act for calling in and Sinking the Paper Bills with the Copy of an Address to his Most Sacred Majesty I am in hopes that this Act will meet with Your Lord.p Approbation for (with humble Submission to Your Lord.p) I think this Act is all that can possibly be done at this time for Sinking the paper bills & that this his Majties Province can't well Subsist without some sort of paper Currency as likewise of the Comodities w.ch are sent to Great Brittain be some way or other made a Tender or Else the planter will be Necessitated to make both Woolen & Linnen for themselves & Slaves, which will in a great Measure lessen the Trade between this and Great Brittain

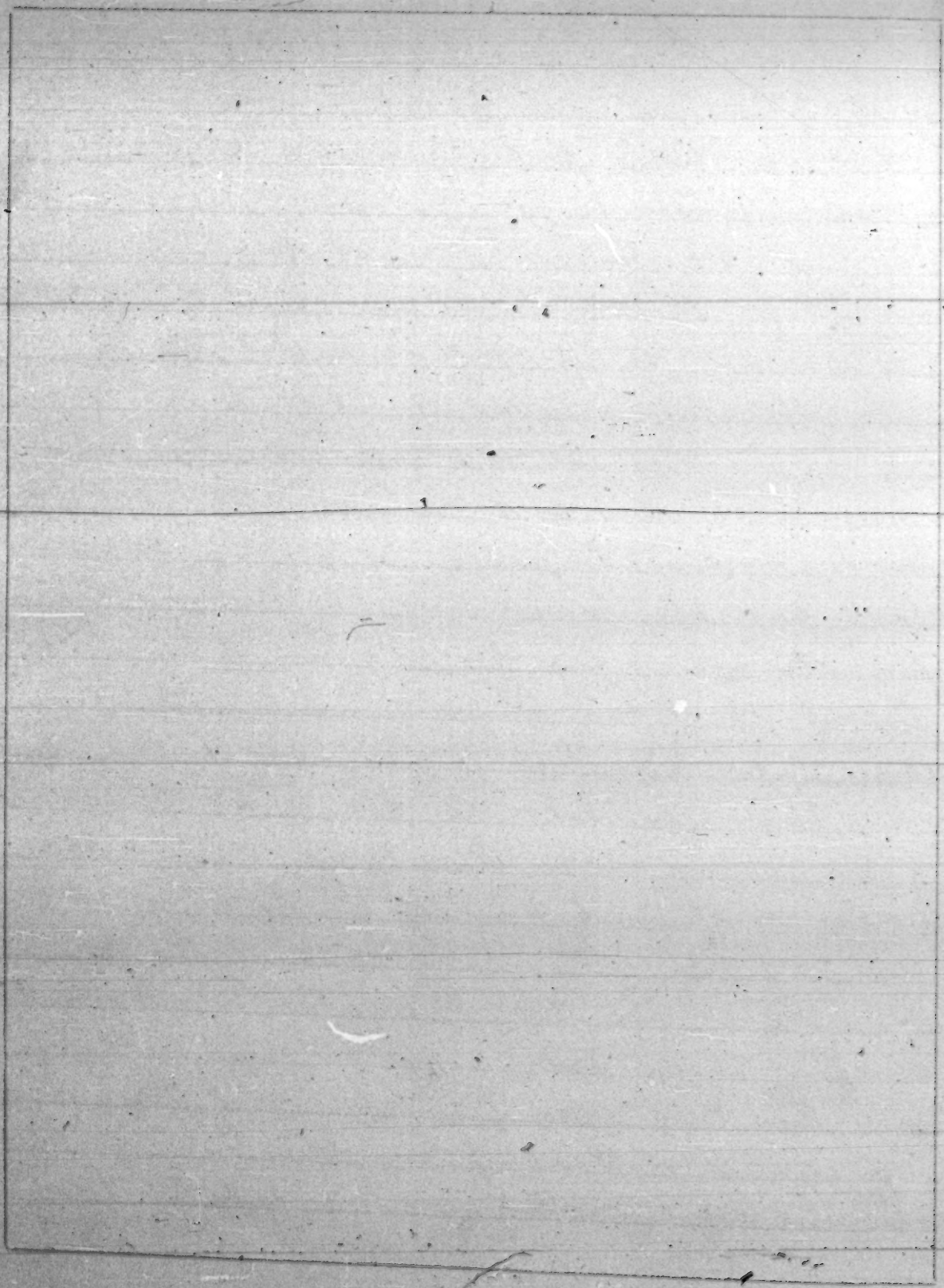
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I herewth send Your Lordp the Lists of the Acts which I have past with two which I did not & when I have the Honour to Transmitt them to Your Lordp I shall Endeavour to give Your Lordp some Accot of the said Acts, Inclosed is an Accot from two of the Comissrs for Printing the bills by which Your Lordp may please to see in what State that Affair is.

This Sessions of the Assembly has been very long by reason of the many difficulties there were concerning the sinking of these paper bills making the Tax Law & others, We are in Expectacon of having an Accot from the Upper & lower Cherikees as likewise from the Upper & lower Creeks & next Month is the time of the Indian Traders coming in with their Skines &c & I hope some of them will be here by that time (please God) the Assembly are to meet because we may see if there be an Occassion Either to Add or Diminish from the Law concerning that Trade.

Tho' we have had Several Ships and Vessells that are already loaded & gone & Several now loading with Rice Pitch & Tarr yet I find that there is a great want at pSent of more Ships & Vessells for the said Commodities but we are in daily Expectation of



of Several from Great Brittain & some from the continant & Islands I thank God we have had a very fine winter which has been the Principal Cause of the Vessells being so soon dispatched

I am in hopes that Your Lordps will Excuse this & give me leave to Subscribe myself

Your Lordps

Most Obliged, Obedient

Faithfull humble Servt

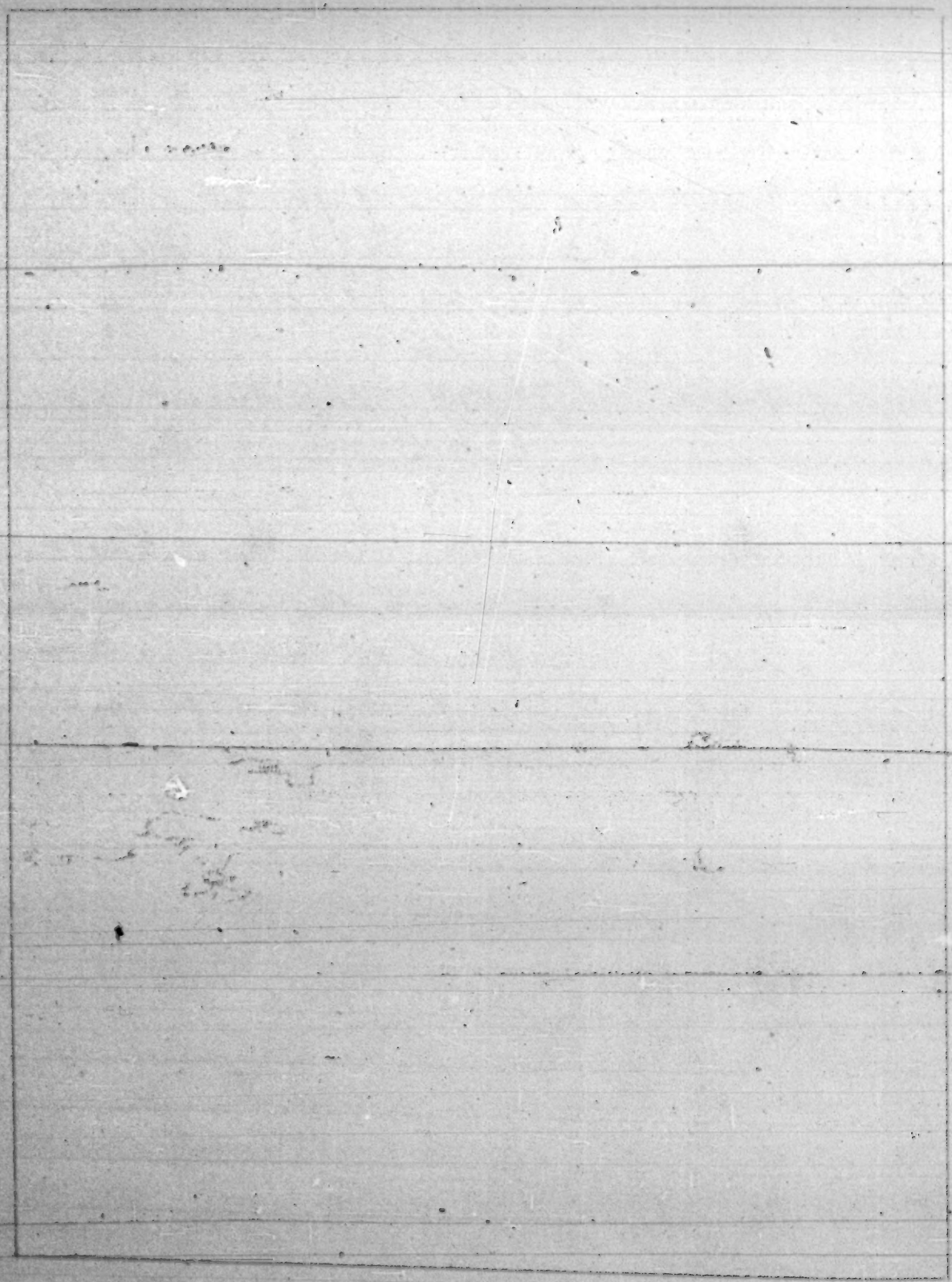
Fr Nicholson

Lords of Trade

P.S According to my Duty I writt to yr Lordps of the 20th of last Month & sent Duplicates thereof which I hope in God your Lordps will receive & likewise this which to hear of will be Acceptable to

F. N.

Recod April yr 20th } 1724
Read Octob. yr 29th }



B. P. R. O. South Carolina B T Vol 2 B55

(Charles Town Febr.y 19.th 1729/30)

May it please Yr Excellency

In Obedience to Yr Order of this Date we have compleated the printing of the two plates of the largest Bills as we formerly advised.

And we hope there will be few or none wanting of the other plate, but this we can't positively say till we have done Signing and numbring of them by reason there are so many of the Bills that are wrinkled, defaced & otherwise made too bad to be uttered

We have exchanged in the whole the Sum of Fourty Sixe thousand and Fifty Eight pounds, & what remains to be exchanged in all in Small Bills except about two thousand pounds of the Second Plate.

We have now ready to be cancelled near three thousand three hundred pounds besides what have been already burnt

As the Law limits Eight Months we dont Suppose we Shall have compleated the exchanging till the time is expired or new expiring.

Henry Houser has done Signing and expects to have finished the numbring his part in Sixe or

Seven

Seven weeks time.

William Dry will have done Signing & num
bering his proportion in the like time.

And we hope and beleive the
will have compleated likewise his part before
the Eight Months expires which is allowed by the
Law for calling in of the old Bills

Till Dry
H Houser
H Hepworth

Charles Town Febu.ry 19th 1723

Recod April ye 20th
Read Octob.r 29th } 1724

B P R O South Carolina B T Vol 2 B 65.

Charles Town South Carolina Feby the 27th 1723

S^{r}

Copy By a Certain Instrument under your hand and Seal Witnessed by Don Juan de la Valle, Dated the 2^{d} February 1724 (brought me by Francis Domingnes) I perceive you thought it Expedient for your Soveraign's Service that an Officer of your Garrison Should come to his Maj^{ty} of Great Brittain's Fort King George to bring a Copy of the Orders given by the Ministry of Great Brittain to me as Govr of this Province, and therefore sent the said Domingnes to the said Fort to deliver to the Comman^{dr} thereof a Copy of the said Orders, with your Letter, and to return without delay.

The aforesaid Francis Domingnes likewise brought me your Excellencys Letter of the third of February last, with a Copy of Royall Orders Given in the English Court, translated into the Spanish Language

Now as your Excellency sent the said Domingnes to Fort King George onely, there to deliver his Message and return without delay, I am Sorry that the Commander for want of the Spanish Language Should give your said Messenger the trouble of

Coming

coming hither through our Settlements, but am glad it was attended with no worse consequences; it being contrary to what I formerly writt to you, and for the future I shall Expect all your Messages by Sea, and not within Land to prevent Accidents that may Happen.

In Answer to your Excellency's letter I had the Hon^r to receive a Letter from the R^t Honble my Lord Carteret his Majestys Principal Secretary of State Dated Whitehall, the 6th of September 1721 Signifying his Majestys Pleasure with relation to his Subjects of this Province, and Indians under the protection of his Government and the Inhabitants of Florida which I Communicated to his Maj^tys Honble Council and Assembly of this Province; and wee have wrote to his Lordship thereon, and dayly expect further Orders thereon, and I shall use my utmost Endeavours to preserve a good Correspondence with the Subjects of Spain; and shall do what in me lyes: That according to my Royall Masters Sacred intentions all the Conventions made between him and his Catholick Majesty be strictly observed on the part of his Subjects, and your Excellency may Expect his Majestys hon^ble Council and Assembly will do the same, But I should fail in my Duty to his Sacred Majesty if

if I did not acquaint your Excellency that I am much Surprised at the Treatment given to Capt Watson when I sent him on a Publick Capacity, to make a Demand of Some Slaves that run from this Government and that not long since that Cherokeeches with a Party came into this Settlement, Killed Some of our People and Carried off a Negro Slave, which he presented to Your Excellency, and likewise that Some of our Runaways from Fort King George and other places are now Entertained at St Augustine: therefore I hope and Expect your Excellency will Cause all those people to be Sent hither by Sea, or Secured till we can Send for them how furr such Actions as these are Consonant to peace and a good Correspondence is left to your Consideration by

Your most Humble Servt

Jr Nicholson

P S.

Your People has been Subsisted here at the Publick Charge, and I have given them every Day two bottles of Madera, and they will have provision given them for their return to your Excellency, and I kept them the longer that they might have the advantage of the full Moon, and I hope Clear Weather for their

their passage

I. N

To His Excellency The Governour and Capt. General of St Augustine, at the castle there

Honble Sr

I have detained the Spaniards longer then I Intended, Staying for the meeting of his Majestys Council that I might have their advice therein, but they will have this Advantage by it, of the full Moon, and I hope clear and fair Nights for their return, in which you are not to permitt them to go by Fort King George, but that they make the best of their way to St Augustine, and I have writt to his Excellency the Governour to acquaint him that for the future I will Receive no Message but what comes directly over the Barr to Charles Town, & I have ordered Lt Huddy to Suffer no Strange boat to come within Gun Shott of the Fort.

I hope this will find you Safe Arrived at Home settling your Domestick Affairs in Order to give your attendance at the House the Tenth of next month.

Colle Barnwell

Jr Nicholson

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I Communicated your Letter to his Majtys Council of Febry the Ninth, and find that you have regularly observed your Instructions given to you in sending the Spaniards Hither, but now I perceive the Inconvenience of the Same by the Charge the Country is put to in sending of them down to prevent which for the future.

I have writt to the Govr of St Augustine that I will receive no Message from him, but by Sea directly over the Barr to Charles Town, therefore for the future you are to Receive no Message, nor Suffer any Strange boat to come within Gun Shott of your Garrison

Febry 27th 1723. Signed by Ordr of His Excellency and the Council

Jr Nicholson

Cha Hart Secry

Fort King George the 9th Febry 1723/4

Hon[ble] Sr

On the Seventh Instant Arrived here a boat from St Augustine with Six men, with their Armes as a flagg of Truice the Head man Declaring himselfe to be a Lieut that on my Demanding to see his Comission he said he had left it at St Augustine, two of them would have Staid here and Swore they would never more Serve the King of Spain they differing among themselves the Head man of them told me at first twas his Masters Orders, the first boat he mett to deliver the Inclosed Letter for your Excellency and

Immediately

Immediately to return, but on Examination of them Separately they disagreed in their Storys, as Capt. Farmiter will Inform you, and my Dilligence in Securing of them and their boat Pursuant to my Instructions Vizt No 41

You are upon no account whatsoever to keep any Correspondence with the French or Spaniards or Deal Trade or Traffick with them, and if any of them come to your Garrison under any pretence whatsoever you are to apprehend them and keep them close Prisoners, untill you can send them to his Excellency

I Design to send your Excellency two setts of Muster Rolls by the next there's Severall of your People sick making heavy Complaint for want of Melosses; I hope there is some come in that we shall have by next boat.

Mr. Nort comes down by this boat all the Officers and Soldiers joyns with me, with our Humble Duty to your Excellency. I rest

Hon.ble S.

Your most Dutifull and Obed.t Servt.

Cha: Huddy

Recd May 5th
Read Octo.r 29th } 1724

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(5th March 1732/3)

South Carolina Ss.

Copy By His Excellency The Governour &c

A Proclamation.

Whereas the General Assembly of this His Majestys Province was Prorogued until the Tenth of this instant; by which time I expected to have receiv ed some Royal Orders from Great Britain; which not being yet arrived; I have thought fit, by and with the advice and consent of His Majtys hon.ble Council further to prorogue the said General Assembly and they are hereby prorogued until Tuesday the Seventeenth day of this inst. March (by which time I hope to receive the said Orders.

All and every the Members of both Houses are therefore requir'd and commanded to take notice of this Proclamation, and meet accordingly unless they shall in the mean time have notice of a further Prorogation.

By His Excellencys command.

Cha: Hart Secry

Given under my hand and the great Seal of this His Majtys Province at Charles

Charles Town, the Fifth day of March,
in the Tenth Year of His Maj^ty^s Reign
Annoq^e Dom^i 1723

J. N.

God save The King.

Jr Nicholson

Recd May ye 6th
Read Oct^br 29th } 1724

B. P. R. O. South Carolina B T Vol 2 D 62

Duplicate Whitehall 6th September 1721

Sir

The Marquis de Poyobuena, His Catholick Majesty's Minister here, has represented to me in a letter dated the 30th April last that the Governour of Florida had made a complaint to the King, His Master of some hostilities comitted Against the Inhabitants of Florida by the Indians who are under the Protection of His Majesty's Government in Carolina. That the said Inhabitants of Florida could not stir out of their houses to Cultivate their lands, nor turn out their Cattle without apparent danger from the said Indians. Whereupon they had requested His Catholick Majesty to Give them Leave to retire into Some Other Provinces, where they might not be exposed to Such Violence

For your more particular Information I herewith enclose to you the Copy of the Marquis de Poyobuena's letter to me on that head which having been laid before the King I have Received His Majesty's Commands to Signify His Pleasure to you. That you take the most effectual care, That Neither His Majesty's Subjects In Carolina, Nor the Indians under the Protection of His Government there, be Suffered to Commit any manner

manner of Violence Against the Inhabitants of Florida but on the Contrary that you use your best endeavours to preserve a good Correspondence, with the Said Subjects of Spain, it being His Majestys Intention that all the Conventions made between Him, and His Catholick Majesty be Strictly Observed On the Part of His Majestys Subjects I am

Sir

Your most humble Servant

Carteret

To Ther Governour of Carolina

Duplicate

Whitehall 28th Novr 1722

Sir.

The Enclosed is a Duplicate of a letter I wrote to you On the 6th of September 1721 upon a Representation made by the Marquis de Poyolueno, the Spanish Minister here. My Writing to you now is Occasioned by a Second letter from the Said Marquis Wherein he represents, that the Grevances bomplained of in his former letter are not yet redressed. And that The Governor of Florida has Acquainted the King His Master that you had Received no Orders upon that matter, lest my former letters should have Miscarried I send You this Duplicate of it, with His Majesty's repeated Directions that you punctually follow the Orders contained therein, concerning which I hope to Receive A Satisfactory account from you by the first Opportunity I am

Sir

Your most humble Servant

Carteret

Recd May 5th
Read Octr 29th } 1724

B. P. R. O. South Carolina B. T. Vol 2 D 38

Duplicate South Carolina Charles Town March 10th 1723/2

May it please your Lordships

According to my Duty I writt to your Lordps on the the 17th of last Month & by this Opportunity I send you Duplicates thereof, And inclosd is my Proclamation for further proroguing the Assembly. On the 3d Instt dyed James Moore Esqr late Speaker of the House of Comons he was taken ill soon after the Assembly broke up which is the reason he did not Sign the Address to his Most Sacred Majesty, but when please God the Assembly meets they will chuse a New Speaker And the Honble Arthur Middleton Esqr the first of his Majties Councel hath not been here since

I herewith Transmitt to Your Lordps the Tax Act which I hope will meet with Your Lordps Approbation it being the Usual way of laying the Levy here & Enclosed is the Copy of an Estimate of the Charge of the Government for this Present Year, with Collo Alexr Parris Esqr Treasr his Accot No (1) Audited by the Honble Wm Gibbon, & Two other Accots No (2) & (3) Signed by himself, by which your Lordps may please to see the State of the Revenue here

The

The other Acts and Journals of both Houses are preparing, but good Writers are very Scarce here & we were Obliged to send Copys of most of the Law Act to the Several parishes, without which the Levy could not be raised which took up a great deal of Time. When I have gott the Laws and the Laws Journalls, I shall God willing by the next safe Opportunity Transmitt them to your Lordpt

I herewith humbly Transmitt to Yr. Lordpp. Copys of Sevl Letters, papers &c concerning the Spanish Grand of St Augustine. I recd the said Govr. Letter, &c the next Morning after Our Assembly was Prorogued, so I have not had an Opportunity of laying the Same before them, but I Communicated it to Some of his Majties Honble Councill

We are all Apprehensive that the Govr of St Augustine sent them as Spyes To see what Condition Fort King George was in & what other things they could informe themselves of Inclosed is No (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Copys of Letters &c. The Weather of late has been very uncertain, Sometimes cold & sometimes Warm, &c at Present its Sickly Especially among the Negros but I hope in God the Later end of this Month will be Settled Weather, We are

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in great Want of Ships and Vessells to Carry the Comodities to Great Brittain, and We are in daily hopes of having them arrive here, And that we shall have the Honr of receiving your Lordpps Comands as also that We shall have good News from Great Brittain in all respects which to hear of will be most Acceptable to him who is

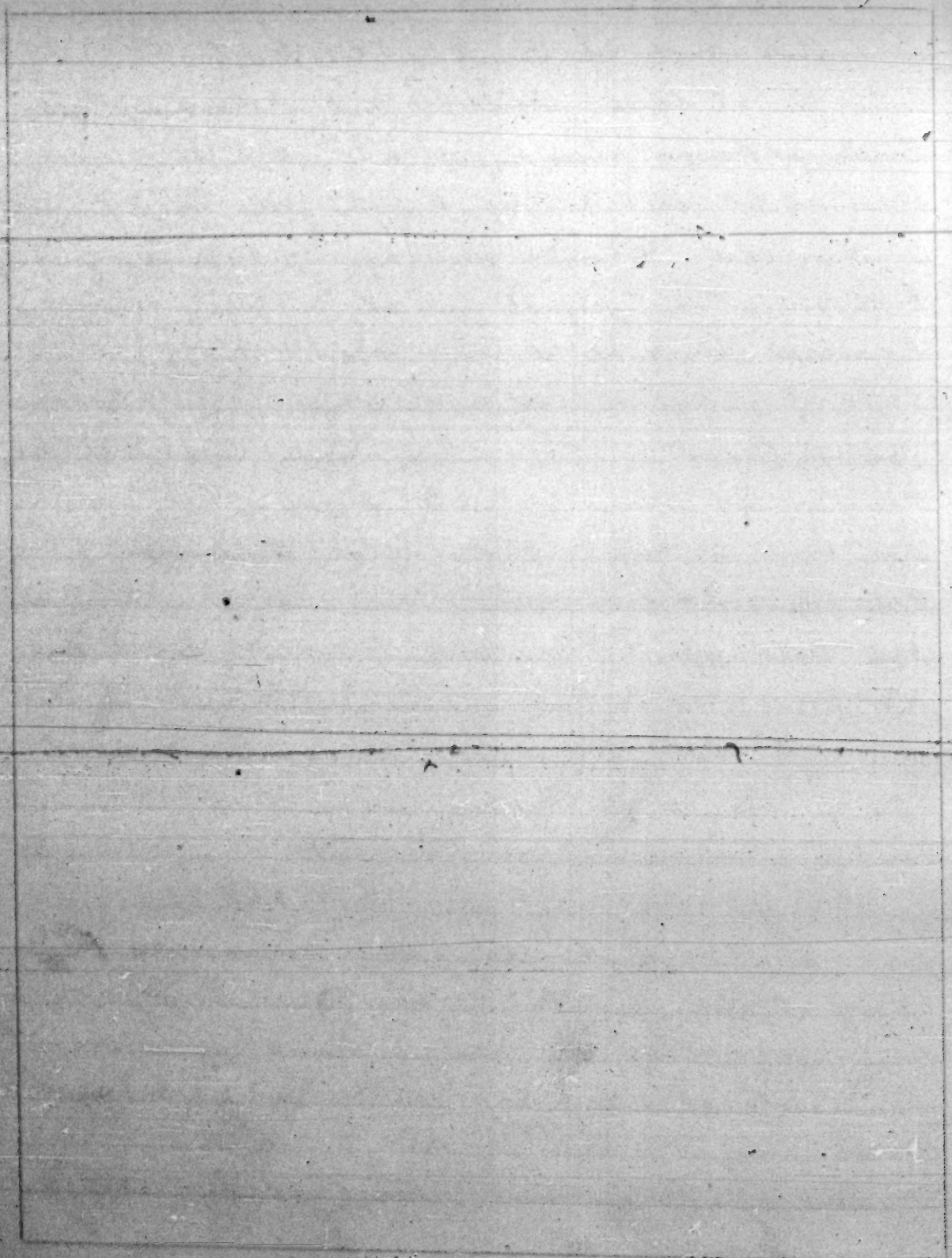
Your Lordships

Most Obliged Obdt Faithfull humble Servt

Jn Nicholson

Lords of Trade

Recd April 24th
Read Octobr 29th } 1724



B. P. R. O South Carolina B. T. Vol 2 B 59

South Carolina Charles Town March 9th 10th 1723/4

Proclamation for proroguing the Assembly
The Tax Acts could not be gott ready yett
The copy of an Estimate for this Year
Coll. Alex. Parris Treasurer his Acct. N° 1)
Two other Accts of the Treasurer N° (2) & (3)
3 copys of Several Letters papers &c concerning the
Spanish Govern.
N° (1) Copys of Letters English &c
N° (2) Copys of Govern.ts of St Augustine Letters &c
N° (3) Copys of Spanish Letters &c
N° (4) Copys of Two Letters from the Hon.ble Lord Carteret
N° (5) Comittees Report Concerning my Lord Carteret Letters &c

The above is a copy of what is sent to the Lords of Trade & plantations with a Letter to their Lordships of the same date from

Sr Nicholson

3 From this Mark the papers are sent to the Right Hon.ble John Lord Carteret his Majestys Principal Secry of State with the Letter of the 12th Inst. Copy of a Proclamation til the 23rd Inst. for the Assembly to meet then

Sundry Affidavits made before Chief Justice Hill

in

in the presence of Messrs Gideon and Conseillere re-
lating to Mr Dechalgoye Extract of an Affidavitt e
made by Frances Simande

Recd April 26th } 1824
Read

29 Jul 1775 to 29 Sep 1776

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An Estimate of the charges of the Governm.t from Septem.r 29.th 1723 To September 29.th 1724

To the Sallary of 9 Ministers now in y.e Province	300. — . —	
To Parochial charges of 10 Parishes	455. — . —	
To the Master of the free School	400. — . —	4655. — . —
To the Sallary & Provis.s for Fort Moore	2200. — . —	
To Ditto of the Pallachola Fort	2200. — . —	
To Ditto of the Scout boats	1490. — . —	
To Ditto of Johnsons Fort	765. — . —	6655. — . —
To Sallary of Arm.r & Gun.r of Cha. Town	350. — . —	
To Ditto of Land Waiters	100. — . —	
To draw back of goods reexported	400. — . —	
To Coll.o Parris in lieu of y.r Commissions &.c	1000. — . —	
To Clerk of the Assembly Messenger & Writings	1000. — . —	2850. — . —
To Waiges due to the men Employed by the province in Fort King George	77. 10. —	
To Entertaining Indians Expresses &.c	400. — . —	
To Coroners Fees	50. — . —	
To Beasts of prey	50. — . —	
To the Expences of the Bank Comiss.rs	100. — . —	
To Mr Joseph Massey	100. — . —	
To Coll.o Bpewton for his house	100. — . —	877. 10. —

To Coll° Hastings	100. — —	
To the Free School	1500. — —	
To the Arrears due on Johnsons Fort	702. 2. 9	
To repairing Great Gun Carriages of the Town	300. — —	2602. 2. 9
To repairs of Johnsons Fort	1000. — —	
To an Agent in Great Britain	1800. — —	
To Accot before the Comittee of Accots	1720. — —	
To a Convenient Armory	600. — —	
To Arrears due for Negroes killed, provided for	300. — —	5620. — —
To Contingences for which Genl Orders may pass		5450. 4. 4
To a Rent for a house for a School	100. — —	
To an Additional Sum to yt Treasurer for his receiving & paying the Tax & all other publick money for the Ensueing Year	500. — —	
To Coll° Parris for his Extraordinary Trouble the last Year	482. 10. —	1082. 10. —
		£ 29796. 7. 1.

By Cash in the Treas^{r} hands recd on Accot of Duty	5801. — . —	
By Ballance in his hands on Accot of the Last Years Estimate Unappropriated	1719. 11. 5.	
By the Skin & furr Duty for one Year Appropriated towards the Ministers Sallary	1500. — . —	
By Cash in the hands of the Commiss^{rs} of the Tax According to their Accot	1750. — . —	
By Arrears of Taxes that may be recovd	2000. — . —	
By Cash belonging to the Fortifications in the hand of Mr Chief Justice	277. 5. 8	
By Cash in the Treasur^{rs} hands designed for the taking off the Enumeration of Mice & Appropriated for ye Service of ye Year	1800. — . —	
		10847. 17. 1
By Cash to be deducted out of the Charge of the Garrisons from Next March	600. — . —	
By Cash paid by the Treas^{r} on Acct of the Provis^{s} for the Scout boats & Garrison	244. 10. —	
By Dutys recd since the Accot made up by the Comittee on ye Treasur^{rs} Accot	1000. — . —	

By Cash in the Treasurers hands on Acct of Two Bonds not Accounted for by him	800. - . -	
By Cash in the Treasr hands paid to him by the Commissrs of the Tax remaining of Mr Yongs last Years Sallary	632. - . -	
		3276. 10. -
1160000 Acres of Land @ 5/	2.900	
9100 Slaves from 7 to 60 Years Old at 15/ p head	6,825	
		9725. - .
To 1/6 part of the whole Tax on the Town	1947. - . -	11672. - . -
		29796. 7. 1

True Copy

W Blakeway Cl Dom. Com.

Jno Wm Tunley Cl. Com.

Major Jonathan Drake & Capt Benjamin Waring brought up the following Orders viz:	
One To Major Thomas Hepworth for a former Order Lost or Mislaid	8. —
One To Richard Allen Esq for drawing bills &c	50. —
One To Charles Hart Esq for Publick writings	114. 8. —
One To his Excellcy the Govr which was refused & sent back	—
One To Wm Tunley Clk of yc Council & Assembly	100. —
One To Coll John Barnwell for drawing bills	100. —
One To Charles Burley for Engrossing Acts &c	7. 4. —
One To Capt John Croft drawing & Engrossing Acts	26. —
One To Major Wm Blakeway Clerk of the Comons House of Assembly, for paper pens Ink copying Journals & Sallary	462 — —
One To Lucas Houghtenbury & Comander of the Watch for a former Order Lost or Mislaid	7. 10.
One To the Messinger of the Comons house for	52. —
An Order to Charles Hill Esq to pay to Mr Treasr Parris the Remainder of money lodged in his hands for the use of Chas Town	277. 5. 8
A Schedule of Orders to Rawlings Monger & Musgrove	89. 12. 6
An Order To James Kilpatrick for publick writings	13. 13.
An Order to Mr Richd Splatt for the Loss of Negroes	160. —
Doctor Fisher being Allowed in the Schedule his Order Stopt	100. —
A Schedule of Claims of Sundry Amounting to	2461. 4. 9

Read April 20th
Read Octr 29th } 1720

True Copy W Blakeway Cr Dom Com Test Wm Tunley Cl. Com.

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(1723)

1723 The Publick on Account of £ 9132 Rec^d and paid out as follows } Dr.

	£.	s.	D
To Cash paid for beasts of prey destroyed	51	5	
To Cash paid for draw backs	202	6	
To Cash paid the Land Waiters	90	--	--
To two new Scout boats and furniture for them	113	9	7
To Cash paid the Corroners Fees	10	--	--
To Cash paid Coll^o Hastings Sallary	300	--	--
To Cash paid Sundry Accts depending before ye Comittee of Accts	741	11	--
To Cash paid Coll^o Brewton for the use of his house	30	--	--
To Cash paid the Surveyers of Charles Town	100	--	--
To Cash paid to Compleate ye payment to ye Sec^y & Clerk of Assembly for Writings	113	16	½
To Cash paid for outstanding Orders	380	10	3
To Cash paid Mr James Blues Account	130	--	--
To Cash paid Mr Joseph Massey	1400	--	--
To Cash paid the Commissioners for Signing the Bills	1500	--	--
To Cash paid the Treasurer	1000	--	--
To Cash paid Messrs Godin and Comp^a p^r Order	150	--	--
To Cash paid the Lady Blake	89	13	--
To Cash paid the Master of the Free School	50	--	--

1723 Per Contra Cr.

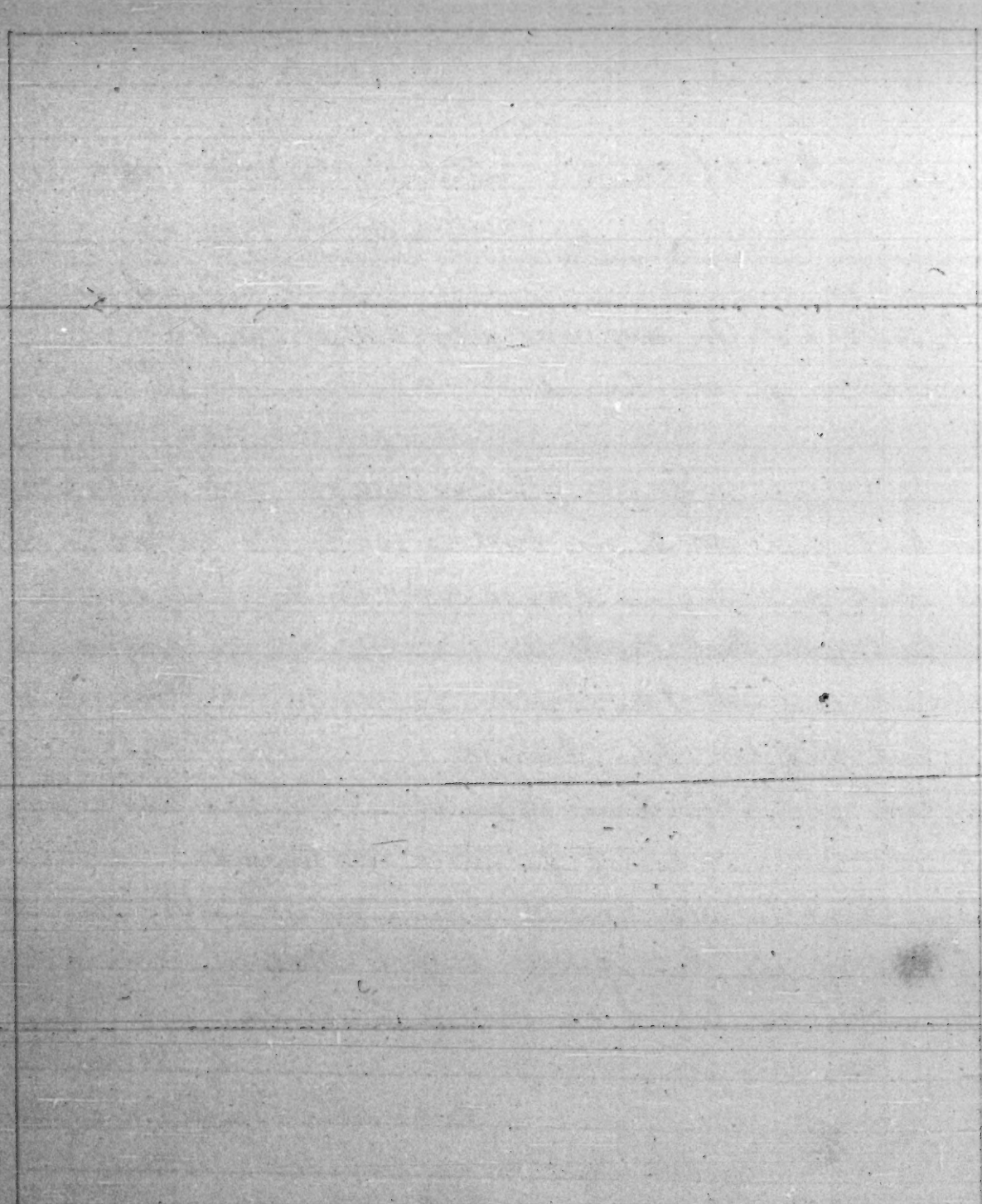
	£	s.	D.
By Cash recd for dutys and other moneys amounting to as p the Estimate	9132		

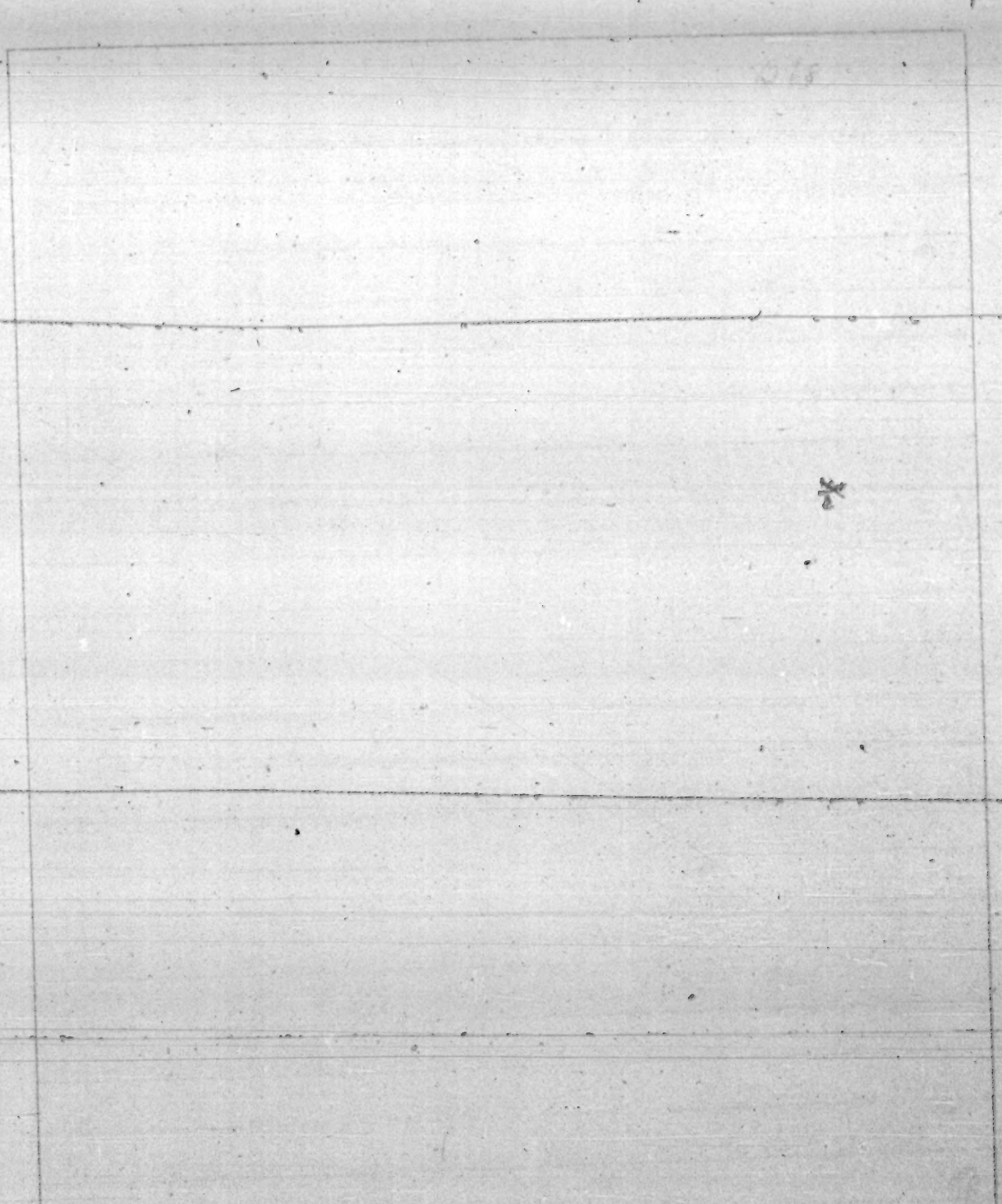
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To Cash paid Mr Barrys Ordr	300		
To Cash paid Benjamin Whitaker Esqr Ordr	30		
To Cash paid Paul Hamblton	29	2	
To Cash paid Mr Peter Taylor	30		
To Cash paid Coll. John Barnwell	50		
To Cash paid Majr Thomas Hepworth	20		
To the Commissy General for which the Publick has Credit in the Estimate	200		
To part of the hire of the Sloop to St Augustine for which the Publick has Credit p the Estimate	90		
£	7557	18	10½
Ballc due	1574	1	1½
	9132		

A Parris Treasr

Recd April ye 24th
Read Octr 29th } 1724





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1722 The Publick on Accot of dutys receed for Importa: & Export: from 1st Jan.y 1722 to 29th of September 1723 Dr.

To Cash paid out of the dutys on the first and Second Estimate which by computation made would come into the Treasury from the 1st Jan.y 1722 to 29th of September 1723 £	4000		
To Cash remaining in the Treasurers hands an Accot of dutys Imported and Exported to 29th Sept.r 1723	4732	13.	3¼
£	8732	13	3¼

The Publick On Accot of dutys receed for Import.e & Export.e from 29th Sept.r 1723 to 1st Jan.y 1723/4 Dr.

per A. Parris Treasr

1722 Per Contra		£	s	d
By duty of Sundry goods Imported from 1st Jan 1722 to 29th of September 1723	£ 3657. 7. 4½			
By duty of Sundry negroes Imported from 1st Jan.y 1722 to 29th Sept.r 1723	3625	7312.	7.	4½
By duty of Sundry Skins exported from 1st Jan.y 1722 to 29th September 1723	126. 14. 7½			
By duty of Leather Exported from 1st Jan.y 1722 to the 29th of September 1723	130. 11. 3	1420	5	10½
	£	8732	13	3½

Per Contra		£	s	d
By duty of Sundry goods Imported from 29th Septem.r 1723 to 1st Jan.y 1723/4	£ 1961. 5. 2½			
By duty of Sundry negroes Imported from 29th Sept.r to 1st Jan.y 1723/4	280			
By Short Credit in a parcell of bricks Imported from Boston	3 2.	2230	7	2½
By duty of Sundry Skins exported from 29th September 1723 to 1st Jan.y 1723/4	295. 18. 3			
By duty of Leather exported from 29th Sept 1723 to 1st Jan.y 1723/4	136 11. 11	435	7	2
	£	2669.	10.	4½

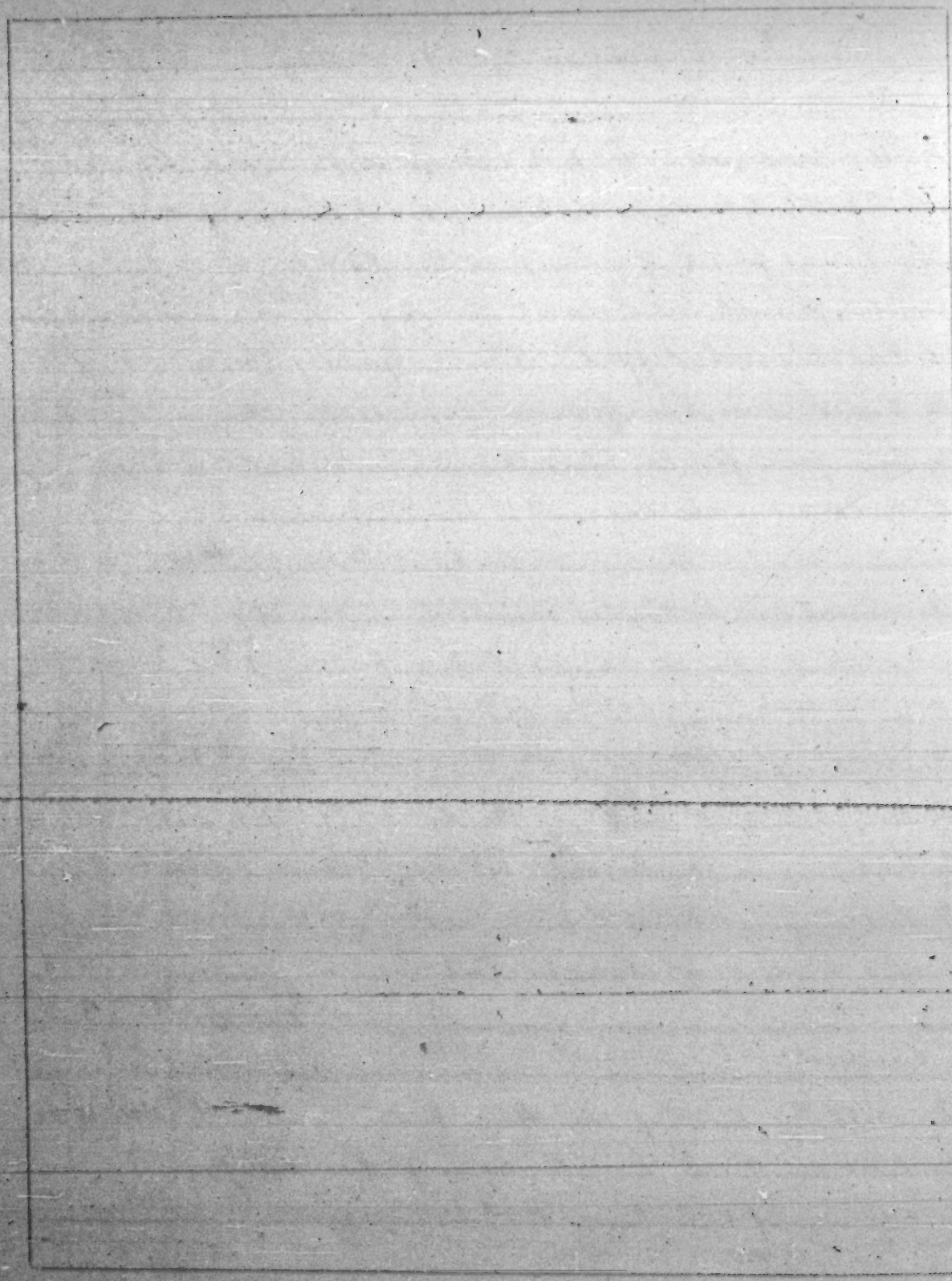
1723 The Publick	Dr		
Jan.y 1st To Cash paid the Commissioners of the Indian Trade	375.	—	—
To Cash paid his Excell.y on Acct. of Tavern Lycences	150.	—	—
To Cash paid Sundry Orders drawn by the Secrty for Supplying Vacant Parishes	207	13	4
To Cash paid Orders drawn by the Church Commissioners	127.	—	—
To Cash paid the Sallary of the Master of the free School	191.	13.	4
To Cash paid for generall Orders Signed by the Govern.r President and Speaker	1224	12	4
To Cash paid for Severall Order for repairing Parsonge houses	200.	—	—
To Cash paid for Draw backs	26.	13.	7
To Cash paid Capt Mongers Orders to the Soldiers of Fort More for making 369 bushels 1 peck of Corn and pease	92.	6.	3
To the Sum of £1000 Charged me in the Estimate for Outstanding debts due to the Publick which was but £ 876. 5. 2d as will appear p Account Settled the difference is	123	14	9½
	£ 2917.	13.	7½
To all.c due 1st Jan.y 1723/4	3601.	4.	5½
£	6518	18	1½

Dr	The Publick General Account		

A. Parris Treasr

1723 Per Contra		£	s	d
By cash remaining in my hands on ballce due on Acct of Imports and Exports, dutys to 29th September 1723	£ 4732. 13. 3			
By ditto recd for duty of Sundry goods Imported & exported from 29th Septem. 1723 to 1st Jan.y 1723/4	2169. 14. 11	1402	7	7½
By cash recd on Acct of Indian Trading Lycence	620. 13. —			
By cash recd on Acct of Tavern Lycence	68. — —			
By cash recd for two Bastards	15. — —			
By cash recd of the Comissionrs of the Indian Trade over & above the £817 Mencond in the Estimate	166. 7½			
By soe much paid by the Tax Comissioners more then the £3000 Mentioned in the Estimate the Sum of	237. — —			
By soe much overpaid Colo Herbert for 12 days hire of a negroe when Sick	4. 10. —			
By cash overpaid Mr Smith for Bricks	1. 11½ —			
By cash overpaid Mr Pownall to 29th Sept	1. — —			
By cash overpaid Messrs Godin & Compa on their drawback 29th September Last	— 3. —	1116	10	6
	£	1511.	18.	11

Currant		£	s	d
Jan 1723 By ballce of the Above Acct	£	360.	4.	5½
By ballce due on the Two Estimates as p Acct Settled by a Comittee of both houses to 1st Jan.y 1723/4		990.	1.	2½
Read April 20th / Read Octr 29th 1724	£	1360.	5.	8



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(5th Febry 1723)

The Committee of Both Houses Appointed to Audite the Treasurers Accounts Report the State thereof to be as in the General Account on the Other Side hereof is Expressed and Set forth and that the Ballance Remaining in his hands the First of Janry Last was Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred and Seven pounds Five Shillings and Eight pence for which Sum he is Accountable to the Publick

William Gibbon

In Council Febry ye 5th 1723
The above Report made

Recd April 20th
Read Octr ye 29th } 1724

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Anno 1723	The Publick of Carolina			D:
To Cash paid on the Severall funds Appropriated in the first Estimate as appeared to us on Examineing the Same	£	15632	1	9
To ditto paid on the Severall Funds on the Second Estimate		20063	11	10
To Cash paid by the Comissioners of the Tax		3237	-	-
To the hire of the Sloop to St Augustine		90.	-	-
To the Comissary generals Sallary for which the Publick has Credit for of the Estimate		200.	-	-
To Cash overpaid on fund № 32 £ 2. 6. —				
To ditto on fund № 30 — . 19. 2½		3	5	2½
	£	39225	18	9½
Jan 1st To Cash remaining in the Treasurers hands on the first and Second Estimate		9906	1	2½
	£	49132	-	2 -

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Errors Excepted

A Parris Treasur

Per Contra

1723	The Publick on Account of dutys of Importation and Exportation	Dr		
Jan.y 1st	To Cash paid out of the dutyes on the first Estimate by computation made that			
	would come in by the 25th of March £	1000	.–	.–
	To ditto paid out of ditto on the Second Estimate from the 25th of March to the			
	25th September	3000	.–	.–
		4000	.–	.–
Jan.y 1st	To Ball.e on Acc.t of dutys	7402	.7	.7½
		11402	7	7½

So Carolina

Errors Excepted

A. Parris Treasu.r

			£		
Jan.ry 1723	1st	By Sundry dutys Imported from 1st Jan.ry 1722 to 1st Jan.ry 1723 Amounting to as will appear p book of Entrys in fol.o 35. 36. 41. 43. 46. 51. 52 56. 57. 58. & 63 £	5635	12	7½
		By dutys Arriseing on negroes imported from 1st Jan.ry 1722 to this day as appears p book of Entrys in fol.o 49 & 62	3905	.	.
		By dutys Arriseing on Skins Exported from 1st Jan.ry 1722 to this day as appears p book of Entrys in fol.o 38. 39. 44 45. 50. 58 and 60	1564	. 9	. 10½
		By dutys Arriseing on Leather Exported from 1st Jan.ry 1722 to this day as appears p book of Entrys in fol.o 41 47. 55 and 61	291	. 3	. 2
		By Short credit in a parcell of bricks Imported from Boston	3	. 2	.
		£	11402	. 7	. 7½

Anno 1723 D: The Publick Genll

Jan.y 1st To cash paid the Comissioners of the Indian Trade	£ 375	.	.
To cash pd his Excellcy on Acct of Tavern Lycences	150	.	.
To cash paid Sundry Orders drawn by the Vestry for Supplying Vacant Parishes	207.	13	4
To cash paid Orders drawn by the Church Comissioners	127.	.	.
To cash paid the Salary of the Master of the free Schools	191.	13	4
To cash paid for generall Orders Signed by the Governour President and Speaker	1224	12	4
To cash paid for Severall Orders for Repairing parsonage houses	200	.	.
To cash paid for drawbacks	25	13	7
To Cash paid Capt Mongers Order to the Soldiers of Fort Moore for making 369½ bushels 1 peck of corn and pease	92	6	3
To the Sum of £1000 Charged me in the Estimate for out standing debts due to the Publick which was but £876.5. 2½ as will appear p Account Settled the difference is	123	14	9½
£	2917.	13.	7½
Jan.y 1st To ballance remaining in the Treasurers hands to this day for which Sum he is Accountable to the Publick	1530.	5.	8
£	1842.	19	3½

S.t Carolina Errors Excepted

A. Parris Treasr

Accot. Current Cr

Janry 1st By Cash remaining in the Treasurers hands on Account of the two Estimates		9906.	7.	2½
By Ballance due on Account of duties		7402.	7.	7½
By Cash receed on Accot of Indian Tradeing Lycence		630.	13.	0
By Cash receed for Tavern Lycence		68.	—.	—
By Cash receed for Two Bastards		15.	—.	—
By Cash receed of the Comissiondr of the Indian Trade over & above the £817 Mentioned in the Estimate	£165. 7. 6			
By so much paid by the Tax Comissioners more then the £8000 Mentioned on the Estimate the Sum of	237. —	405.	7.	6
By so much overpaid Col Herbert for 12 days hire of a negroe when Sick	£4. 10. —			
By Cash overpaid Mr Smith for bricks	1. 13. —			
By Cash overpaid Mr Townall to 29th Sept	1. — —			
By Cash overpaid Messrs Godin & Compa on their drawback the 29th Sept Last	3. —	7.	10.	—
	£	18424.	19.	3¾

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South Carolina Charles Town March 12th 1728

May it please your Lordp.

I herewth humbly Transmitt to your Lordp. a Duplicate of my Letter to your Lordp. of the 10th Inst with the Acco. of what was then Inclosed & wch are herewth sent which I begg Your Lordp. to be referred. I herewth send Your Lordp. a proclamation of my further proroguing the Assembly to the 29th Inst by wch time I hope (in God) to have the Honr of receiving Your Lordp. comands Before Yesterday I could not gett the proceedings concerning Messrs Godin & Counsellor &c. (Concerning which I had before writt to Yr Lordp.) the Affidavits were taken before Mr Chief Justice Hill in their presence, Lawrence Coutlet the Clerk of the Court telling me that they wanted Copys of the st papers I told him they might have as many as they pleased, it probable they may send them to Great Brittain by this Opportunity, & Mr Benj. Godin intends to goe in the Ship Carolina Frigott which he Mr Counsellors & Capt Shubrick Owners, & I suppose may Sail in about Ten daies or a fortnight. I writt to the Honble the Comissrs of his Majties Customs concerning the said Ships Register (& sent them a Copy thereof)

& likewise

& likewise the Trading to the French Islands &c and sent them a Copy of my 69 Instructions, & I hope an Effectuall Stop will be made to this Sort of Trade or Else I am Apprehensive it will be prejudiciall to the Trade of Great Brittain, As also concerning the Trade of the New Englanders by sending their own Manufactures of Iron &c into these plantations & they are setting up a Trade for making rum which they do out of Mollases &c from Surinam the French Islands and Cape Francois of which they have already brought hither some Quantitys and We are in daily Expectation of more I Suppose they will Endeav.d to Engross all the Trade of Mollases from both the former places and also our Islands if so they will furnish all this Continent with Rum & how prejudicial this Affair will be to the Trade of Great Brittain the plantations on the Continent & the Islands in America Your Lordp.s will be best Judges.

I have According to my Duty done all that lay in my power to have my 69 Instructions Complyed with, but when Mess.rs Gedin & Counsellors were brought before the Chief Justice & heard the first depositions made, I last M.r Counsellors being one of the Council about that Instruction & they Seemed to make Slight

of

of it & that they would Trade that way, indeed I did not then much Wonder at they being both French men & I am Apprehensive that the French man Named Detchegoyen who come from Cape Francois to them was both upon the Acct of Trade & as a Spye And I herewth send Your Lordpe an Extract of an Affidavit taken before me & his Majestys Honble Counsil last Night but it being so late could not be sent before Mr Chief Justice Hill. I Suppose these two Gent will Endeavour to gett Affidavitts Concerning this Affair, but they are Acquainted that if they have any Affidavts it must be done as publickly as these were & that his Majesties Attorney Genl must be there

I now humbly begg Your Lordpe pardon for this prolix Letter & that your Lordpe will be pleased to give me leave to Assure You that I am with all Sincerity

Your Lordpe

Most Obliged Obedt Faithfull

Lords of Trade humble Servt

Fr Nicholson

P.S. I herewith Transmitt to your Lordpe Copys of papers Concerning Christoper Rymes Comander of the Sloop Two Friends by which your Lordpe may please to see in part how

how the Trade is Managed to these Islands from Boston to this place & backwards & forwards And that the Trunk that was Entred at Boston as of English goods ye Contents were ab^t^ 50 or 60 peices of Chints & in the Clearance from hence it was will a Trunk of Chints & in my humble Opinion if those Sort of East India goods can be Legally brought into the Plantations & Islands & Shipt from one place into another twill be the Gen^ll^ Wear of the Inhabitants & how prejudicial that will be to the Woolen & Linnen Manufacture of Great Brittain is humbly Submitted to Your Lordp^s^ by

J. N.

Recd April 20th
Read Oct^br^ ye 29th } 1730

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South Carolina.

By His Excellency The Governour &c

Copy A. Proclamation

Whereas The General Assembly of His Majty Province, was prorogued to the Seventeenth day of this instant March, before which time I expected to have received some Royal Orders from Great Britain, but none being as yet arrived, so that there appears no absolute necessity for their then sitting, which being considered, together with the present unseasonable weather, and sickness of some parts of the country.

I have therefore thought fit (by and with the advice of His Majty hon.ble Council) further to prorogue the said General Assembly, and they are hereby Prorogued to Munday the twenty third of this instant March; at which time all and every the Members of both Houses are hereby required and commanded to meet accordingly, at the usual place, in order to sit and proceed upon business.

Given under my hand and the great Seal of this His Majty Province, at Charles Town, the

the Twelfth day of March, in the Tenth
Year of His Majty Reign, Annoqs Domini
1723

By His Excellcy Comms
Char: Hart Secy

God Save The King

Recd April 20th
Read Octbr 29th } 1724

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(11th March 1723/4)

South Carolina Ss

An Extract of an Affidavit made (before his Excy yr Govr in Council March yr 11th 1723) by Francis Lamand late Interpreter to the Sloop Ivy Friends of Boston on a Voyage from thence to this Place, from hence to Cape Francois and from thence hither again relating to one Mond Detchegoyen whom they took on Board yr said Sloop at a Creek called La Cue near yr said Cape. Viz.

Depon. He further saith that they there took in another Passenger for this Place a Frenchman named Detchegoyen who for want of the English Tongue often Conversed with this Deponent in French (being Interpreter as aforesaid) and among other things told this deponent yt he was just Recovered from a Fitt of Sickness and was coming for this Place for his Health, but as to his being Sick on board the said Sloop yr Deponent knows nothing of or that he had been sick any more than by his own Information

During the Time of his Staying here He Lodged with this Deponent at Mr Peter Munigualty

Manigaulty and in Our Conversation in that Time among other things he told this Deponent that he had brought Some Indicoe and Sugar but not ye Quantitys of Either and they were for to keep him in Case he Should be sick; On his Departure from hence he carryed with him Two Indian Slaves he bought here and Two pieces of fine Chintz. The Deponent further saith That he hath been formerly at ye said Cape on the like Occasion and had known the Said Detchegoyen and about Two Years agoe dealt with him and being further Examined This Depon^t Saith That he ye Said Detchegoyen was Recomended to Messrs Goddin & Conseillere but went abroad as he thought fitt and a little before his going from hence he Informed this Deponent that he Designed to goe in a Brigantine then in the Harbour And further of him this Deponent remembers not and further Saith not.

francis Lamande

Test Kr^m Tunley Cl Cur

A further Extract of the said Deposition That he knows of no other Goods brought from Boston to this Place than what are mentioned in the Masters Manifest and being Examined what were the Species of

of English Goods in the Trunk mentioned in the Manifest Saith that he Packed the Said Trunk and the Species were about fifty or Sixty Peices of Comon Chinty about Twelve Yards and a half each Some of Which he believes were Sold here by Messrs Benj: Goldin and Benjamen De la Conseilere to whom the Said Sloop was then Consigned.

And being Shewn the Manifest of Goods Shipt by the Said Messrs Goldin and De la Conseilere Declares That he knows of no other Goods Sent in yt Said Sloop from hence to yt Said Cape. That as to the Trunk of Chinty Mentioned in the Said Manifest he knows nothing of, Saving that he was Told at yt Said Messrs Goldin & Conseileres Store That there were in yt Said Trunk about five and Twenty Peices of Chinty

Francis Lamande

Sest Wm Tunley Cl Con

Recd April 26th
Read Octob: 29th } 1724

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(12th March 1724/4)

Accot of Trade carried on from Boston to Charles Town South Carolina

Christopher Rhymes Mastr of the Sloope Two Friends being Duely Sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God Saith That he is Mastr of the Sloope Two Friends bellonging to Boston that the Owners of the Said Sloope are at present Mr Peter Lucee and Mr Temple Nellson of the Towne of Boston that about the first Day of August last he Saild from thence with Orders from his Said Owners to make the best of his way to the Port of Charles Towne in South Carolina and to Aply himself to Messrs Godin & De la Bouncelier to whom the whole Cargo he had then on board was consigned that upon his Delivery of the Said Cargoe to Messrs Godin and De la Bouncelier he was then to take in Lumbr att the Port of Charlestown and thence to proceeds to Cape Francois and to Aply himself to Martin D'Etchivery att the said Cape which Orders he hath Complyd with and returnd into this port with the goods and Merchandize which he hath Delivered a Manifest of the same on his Entry with the Officers of his Majesties Customs in this

port

port this 13th of November Anno Domini 1723
Sworn before me the Day and Year above mentioned
Willm Hammerton Nav.ll Officer
Christopher Rhymes

Manifest of goods on board the Sloope two Friends from New England Sept.r 2d 1723

Shipt by Lucee and Comp.ny
- 18 hhds Rum
- 11000 Bricks
- 1000 Boards
- 10000 Shingles
- 4 hhd Fish
- 1 Trunck of English Goods

Consigned to Messrs Godin & De la Councelier
by Christopher Rhymes

Manifest of Goods Laden on board the Sloope two Friends Christopher Rhymes Mastr for Jamaica Octobr 4th 1723

Shipt by Messrs Godin & De la Councellier
- 9281 feet boarder boards
- 1633 Ditto Joyces
- 8000 Shingles
- a Trunk of Chinets

by Christopher Rhymes

Manifest of the Lading of the Sloope Two Friends Christopher Rhymes Commander from Cape Francois November 13th 1723

Shipt

Shipt by Mr. Martin D'Etchverg

30 hhds of Sugar	Consigned to Messrs Godin & De la Cancellier of Christopher Rhymes
5 bagg cocoa	
2 hhds Indigo	
3 Teirces Rum	
9 hhd Mellasses	

a true Copy
Test Willm Hammerton
Naval Officer

Port of Boston

These are to all whom it Doath concerne that Christopher Rhymes Master or Commander of the (Seal) Sloop Two Spiends Burthen 20 Tons or there abouts Mounted with no Guns Navigated with 4 Men Plantn Built Registred att Bosn 17th March 1722 Bound for South Carolina Having on Board Eighteen ~~Hogs Rum Loure Thousand Bricks One Thousand~~ (Seal) Boards Ten Thousand Shingles One Spunk European Goods here Lawfully Imported also Toure Hogs of Fish

Naval Officer Hath Entred and Cleared in the Custom House att Boston In New England, According to Law

Given under Our hands and Seale of Office this 31 Day of July In the Ninth Yeare of

of the Reigne of Our Soveraine Lord George King
of Great Brittaine &c Annoque Domini 1723

Wm Lambert Comrs John Jekyll Coll.

A True Copy of the Clearance
from Boston now in the Office
Test Wm Hammerton Navl Officer

South Carolina

These are to Certify all whom it doth or may Concern
that Christopher Rhymes Mastr of the Sloop two Friends
Burthen Twenty Tons or there about mounted with no
Guns Navigated with Four Men Plantation Built bound
for Jamaca having on board (Viz.t)
Nine Thousand feet of Cedar board Sixteen hundred
thirty three feet of Joyst and Eight Thousand of Shingles
Wm Hammerton Hath here Entd and Cleared According to Lawe.
Navl Officer Given under our hands and Seals of Office at
the Custom house at Charles City & Port this
fourth day of October in the Tenth Year of his
Majesty's Reign Annoque Domini 1723

Thomas Gadsden Collect.

Richd Wigg Surv & Searcher
Charles Town So Carolina
March 12th 1723

Copy
a true Copy
Test Wm Hammerton Navl Officer

Recd April 20th
Read Octo.br 29th } 1724

These are Copys of what was given by
the Custom house Officers to

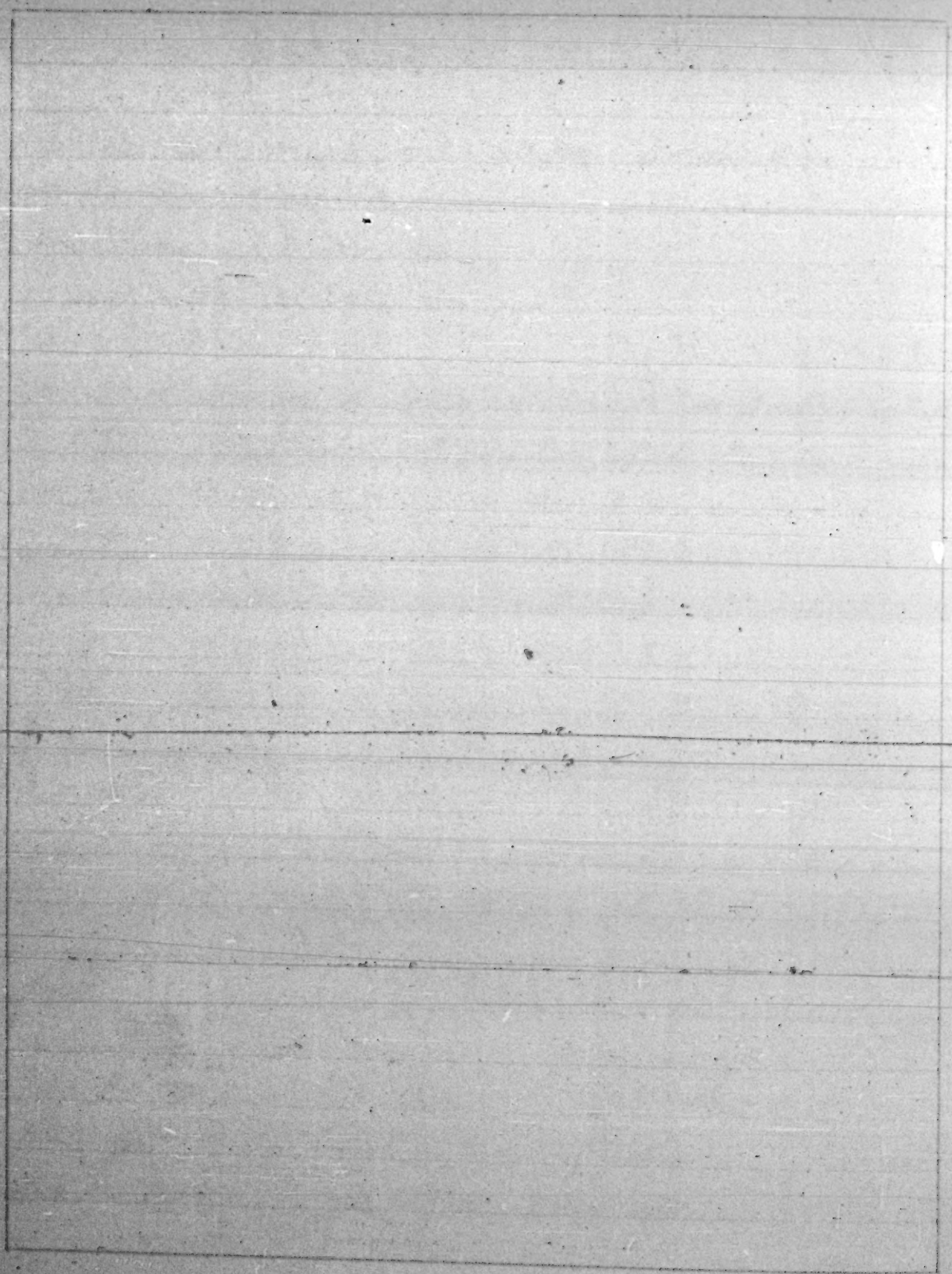
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12th March 1723/4

Affidavits as of Persons trading to the French Islands

rec.d with Gen.l Nicholsons
Let.r of the 12th March 1723/4

Recd April 24th
Read Octo.br 29th } 1724



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(11th March 1723/4)

To the Righ Honourable the Lords
Commissioners of Trade and Plantations

My Lords

In Obedience to your Lordshipps commands I have perused and Considered an Act pass'd in the Province of South Carolina in One Thousand seven hundred and twenty one Entituled

An Act for the vesting the fee simple of a Certain Plantation and House Commonly Called the Governours House in the Honourable Robert Johnson Esqr

To which Act I have no Objection to its being pass'd into Law All which I humbly Certifye to your Lordshipps And am

My Lords

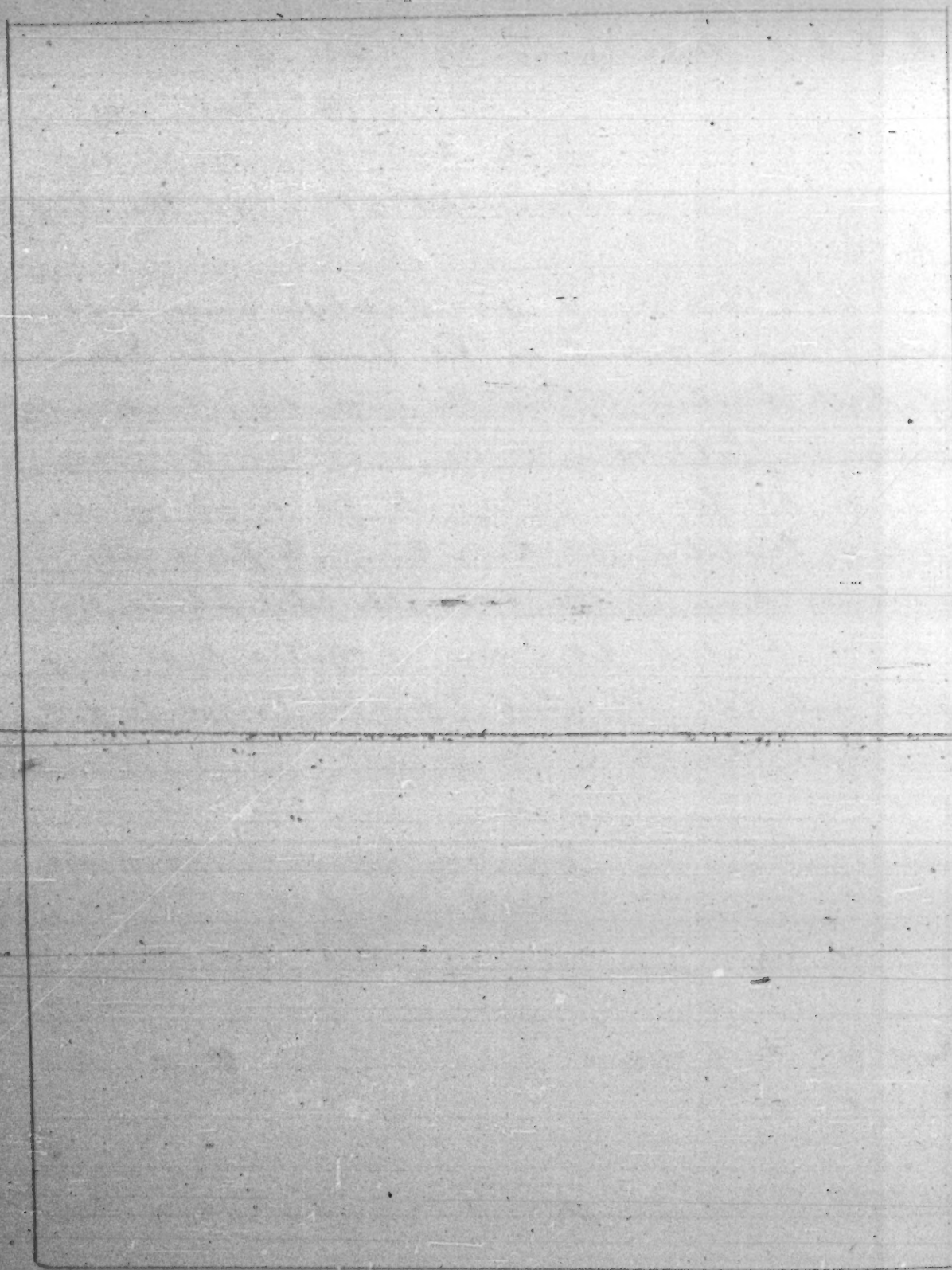
Your Lordshipps most Obedient and most humble Servt

Richd West

11 March 1723/4

Recvd 14th March 1723/4

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Monday March the 23 1724

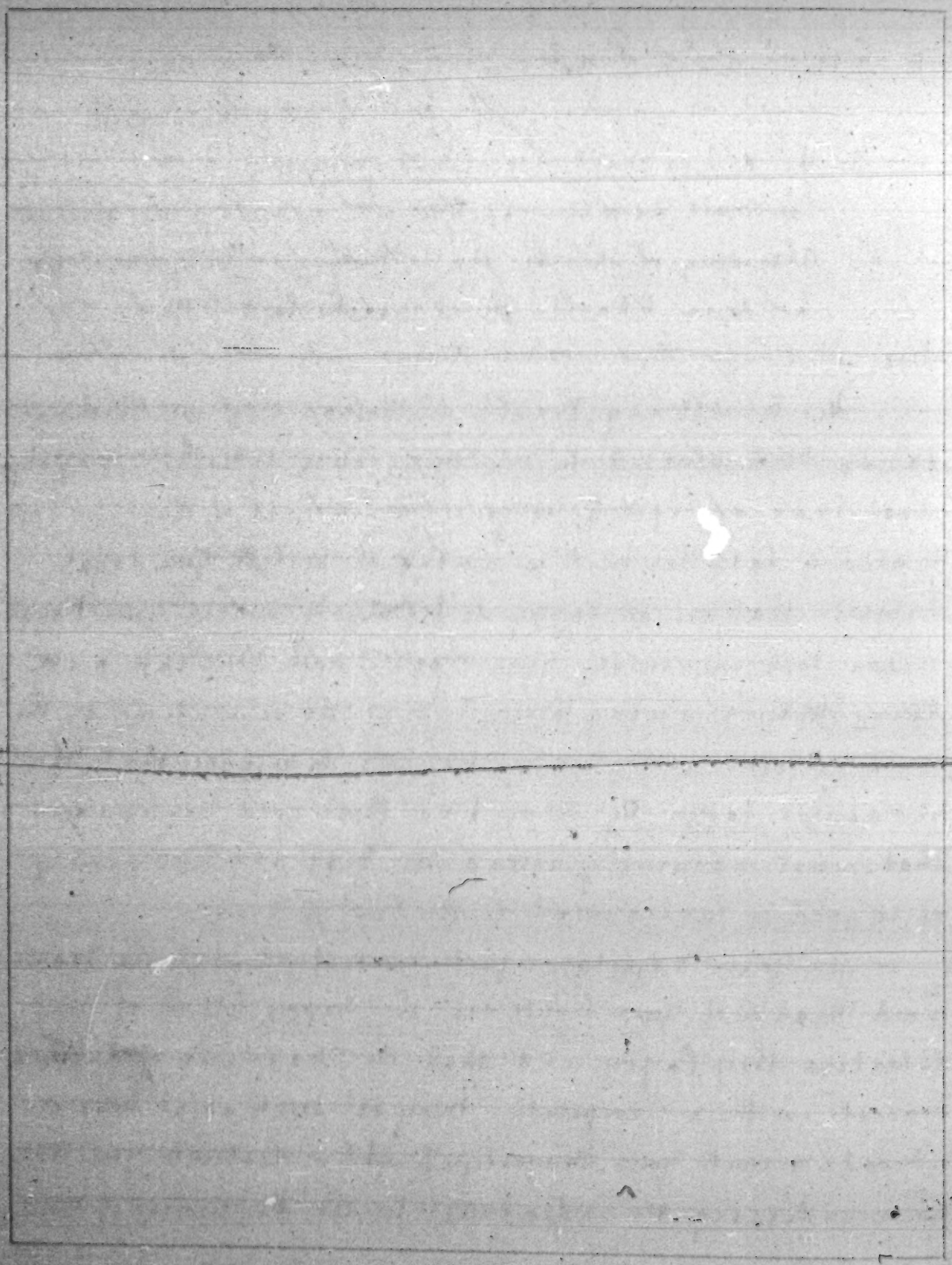
Sir

I received just now the Act of Assemble relating to Col: Johnson's Purchase, for which I return you my thanks, I was so ill of the Cholick all Friday and Saturday last, that I was not Able to Stir abroad, so that I humble beg Your Lords would indulge me some farther time to bring the Lords Proprietors Answer to them concerning that act

I am Sir Your
most Humb Servant
R Shelton

Alfred Popple Esq[r]

Rec[d] } March 20[th] 1724
Read }



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(28 Mar. 1724.)

To the Kings Most Excellent Majesty.

The Most Humble and Dutiful Address of the General Assembly of this his Mat^ies Province of South Carolina held in Charles Town March the 28th 1724.

Sire,

His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esqr our Governor having been pleased to Communicate to Us Your Majesty's most Gracious Speech to Your Parliament of the ninth of January last Permit us among the rest of Your Loyal Subjects that are so happy to be much nearer your Royal Person to Congratulate Your Majesty upon Your safe and happy Return among them And at the same time in the most Dutiful and Sincere manner to rejoyce that the measures taken by them had those good Consequences that must naturally attend the Zeal and Unanimity of so good a Parliament to the Best of Kings.

As Your Majesty is justly Satisfyed that the Trade and Wealth of your People are the happy Effects of the liberties they Enjoy and that the Grandeur of the Crown consists in their Prosperity. May all such as (at home or abroad) dispute Your Majesties Right or disturb You in your indefatigable endeavours for the Happiness of Your

People

People and for the good of Christendom meet with the same dissapointment as such of your Rebellious Subjects have justly suffered who have already endeavoured under your happy Administration to introduce Popery and Slavery into your Dominions.

We that are so unhappy as to be very remote from your Royal Person are nevertheless truly Sensible that the Religion Laws and liberties of your People can never be secured but by Supporting Our present happy Establishment and maintaining the Succession in the Protestant Line.

Therefore that your Majesty's Reign may be long and Glorious and that there may never be wanting One of your Royal and illustrious Family to possess your Dominions after your Glorious Example is and shall always be the Sincere Prayers of

May it Please Your Majesty
Your Majesty's most Loyal and
Most Dutiful Subjects & Servants

Pr. Ordr. of Council
Ar. Middleton P.

Signd by Order of the Comons
house of Assembly
I. Hepworth Speakr.

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Charles Town March ye 29th 1724

May it please Yor Lordps

I herewith Send Yor Lordps Duplicate of mine to Yor Lordps of the 12th Instant wth a list of the Papers &c with the Said Letter, and on the back of the Said list is what is now humbly Transmitted to Yor Lordps by Wilton Hammerton my Naval Officers List of Shipping &c by wch Yor Lordps may please to see the State of Our Trade.

I herewith likewise Send Yor Lordps an Accot of Bills that have been burnt on Accot of the Bank Act and wch will be continued

Coll Jenwick One of the Assembly designs for Great Brittain Shortly and by him I shall According to my duty Transmitt to Yor Lordps Copys of the Journals &c

Our Assembly broke up late last Night and are Prorogued to the 12th of may next. The Ship being undee Sail I am Obliged to Send this Down after them so I have only Time at Present to Assure Yor Lordps that I am

Lords of Trade Yor Lordps most Obliged Obedt and

Recd May 26th } 1724
Read Octo 29th } Faithfull Humble Servt
J. Nicholson

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(29th March 1724)

1723 Bank money Received By the Comissioners

March 10th	Received	£ 226. — . —	
11.	Received	£ 287. 10 . —	
12.	Received	£ 362. 11 . —	
13.	Received	£ 82. 10 . —	
14.	Received	£ 50. — . —	
16.	Received	£ 212. 10 . —	
17.	Received	£ 200. — . —	
18.	Received	£ 212 10 . —	
19.	Received	£ 151 5 . —	
20.	Received	£ 512 10 . —	
		£ 2231. 5 . —	

1723

March 11 Burnt in New Bills of £20 £15 £12 & £8 £ 379.

12.	Burnt In Said Species	£ 164.
17.	Burnt In Said Species	£ 394.
20.	Burnt In Said Species	£ 919.
		£ 1851. — . —

March 17th	Burnt in Old Bills	£ 206. 5. —
20.	Burnt in Old Bills	£ 112. 10. —
		£ 318. 15. —

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We do hereby certify that the above is a true Acct. of the Money Received and burnt by us

Char Hart
Andrew Allen

Recd May 26th
Read Octobr 29th } 1724

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Charles Town St Carolina April the 6th 1720

May it please your Lordp^s

This is designed (God willing) by a Ship designed for Port with a Duplicate of mine to your Lordp^s of the 29th of March last

Coll John Fenwick hath taken his passage in a Ship bound for London which I Suppose may Sail the latter end of this Month & I am getting ready the Journalls of both houses of Assembly and the Acts in Order to be sent to your Lordp^s and about that time I Suppose there may be Two Ships more ready to Sail for London.

I herewith Transmitt to your Lordp^s a List of Exports, Since my Arrival to the 25th of March last given me by Wm Hammerton Esqr my Naval Officer, By which your Lordp^s may please to see What Number of barrells of rice pitch & Tarr &^c have been Exported from this his Majesties Province & if this paper be any ways Acceptable to Y^r. Lordp^s twill be very Satisfactory to Him who is

Your Lordp^s Most Obliged Obed^t Faithfull humble Servt

Fr. Nicholson

P S The List of Duplicates at the back of the Annexed

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Exportations of Pitch Tarr & Rice from May 30th 1721 To March 25th 1724

	Barrils of	Pitch :	Tar :	Rice
From May 30th 1721 To Sept 29th 1721				
To Great Brittain		02690 :	00777 :	02712
To the Plantations		00677 :	00332 :	00593
	In all	03367 :	01109 :	03305
From Sept 29th 1721 To Sept 29th 1722				
To Great Brittain		10163 :	10611 :	20213
To the Plantations		01030 :	02022 :	03346
	In all	11193 :	12688 :	23559
From Sept 29th 1722 To Sept 29th 1723				
To Great Brittain		12060 :	15792 :	16878
To the Plantations		01476 :	01642 :	03273
	In all	13536 :	17434 :	20151
From Sept 29th 1723 To March 25th 1724				
To Great Brittain		11874 :	06167 :	11790
To the Plantations		00846 :	00916 :	02190
	In all	12720 :	07083 :	13980
Total since his Excellency's Govt		40830 :	37914 :	60995

To the Plantations from May 30th 1721 to March 25th 1724

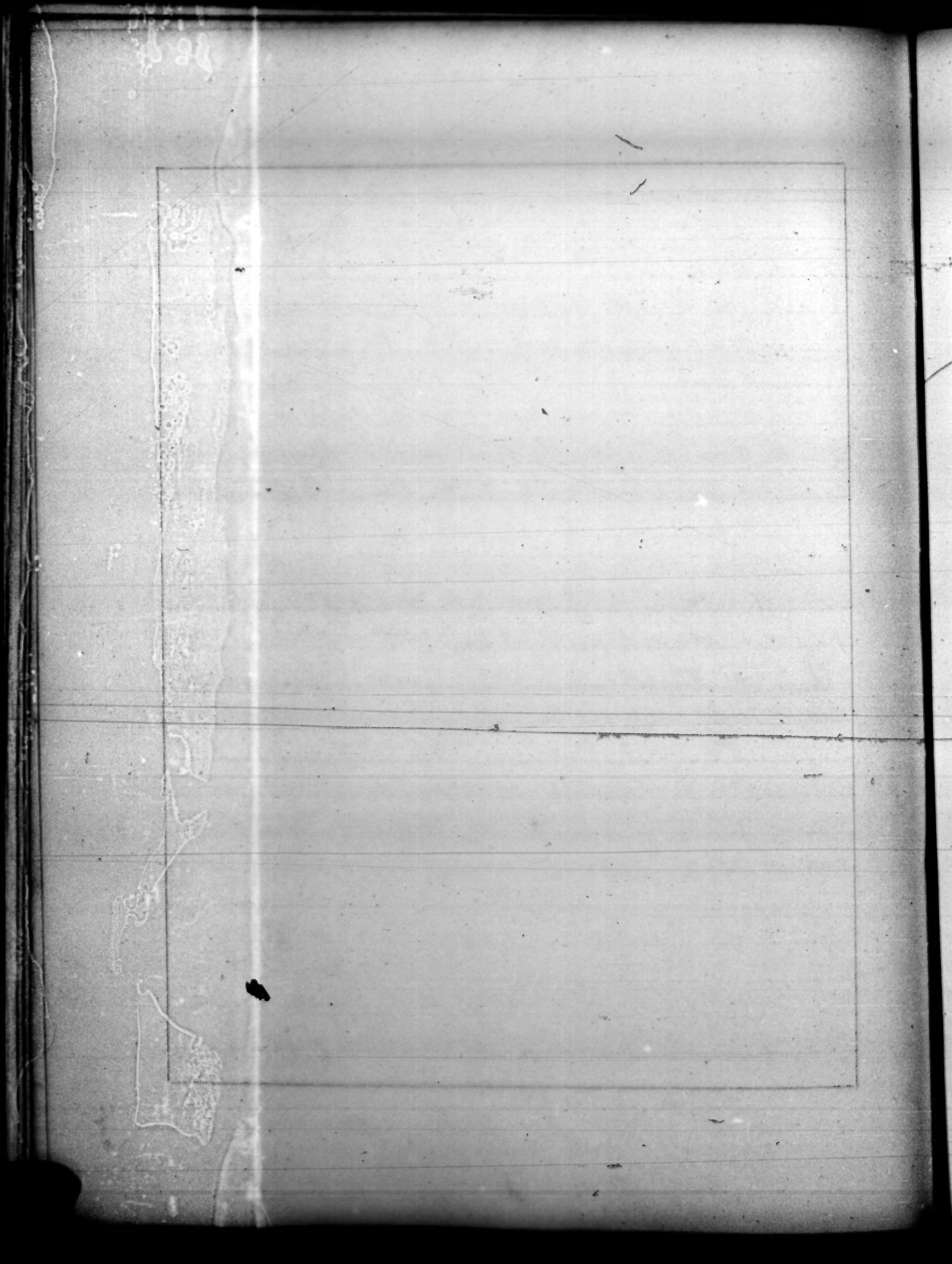
Vessels	Tuns	Men
From May 30th to Sept. 29th 1721		
To Boston	32	273	0177
To New York	0011	0110	0147
To Philadelphia	032	0028	0214
To Virginia	—	0003	0037
To Providence	0012	0010	0015
In all	0677	0332	0593
From Sept. 29th 1721 to Sept. 29th 1722			
To Boston	0500	1396	0889
To New York	0103	0101	0288
To Philidelphia	0093	—	0470
To Virginia	0018	—	0020
To Piscataway	0040	—	0327
To Rhode Island	0039	0012	0058
To Jamaica	0177	0370	0966
To Barbadoes	0066	0095	0463
To Burmudas	0012	0035	0420
To Providence	0002	0013	0040
In all	1050	2022	3346

Imported from N England Since May 30 1721. from thence made as p Certificate

		Axes	Cart boxes	Barrs
June 26th 1722	Briggt John Jno Alding	120		
July 11th 1722	Ship Thos & Philip Isaac Holmes	31		
Augt 29th 1722	Ship 8 Sisters Richd Vick	16 cask		
Octr 5th 1722	Briggt Union Jos Benjamine	12		
Decr 13th 1722	Sloop Madera Ebenezr Simmons	162	195	11
June 4th 1723	Ship John. John Innes	2 Boxes		
Jun 20th 1723	Sloop Betty John Stallard	1 cask		
July 19th 1723	Sloop Betty Ditto	11	8	
July 22d 1723	Sloop Thomas Wm Sorth	105		
	from Boston	7 boxes		
	Ditto	70		
	Axes	321	203	11
	casks	2		
	boxes	9		

From Sept. 29th 1722 To Sept. 29th 1723			
To Boston	0907	0745	1653
To Rhode Island	01[illegible]	[illegible]	0114
To New York	0193	0235	0179
To Philadelphia	0137	0130	0306
To Barbadoes	0172	0[illegible]	03[illegible]
To Jamaica	0[illegible]31	0364	0295
To Bermudas	0010	0016	0015
To Providence	0054	0054	0059
To St Christophers	—	0025	0020
To Antegoa	0009	0023	0032
In all	1476	1642	3200
From Sept. 29th 1723 To March. 25th 1724			
To the Plantations	0846	0916	2290
Totall to the Plantations since his Excellency's Government	1149	1912	9429

Recd 13th June
Read 29th Octo. } 1724



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Whitehall April 20th 1724

My Lords

I herewith send you some papers that have been put into my hands by Mons. Chammorel the French Secretary, containing a Complaint made by the Sieur Contivier, of his having been unjustly Seized and detained by the Governor of South Carolina in his passage through that Country homewards from the French Plantations and of his having been obliged by the said Governor to sell some Slaves which he was bringing home as also of other Hardships which you will find particularly set forth in the inclosed I desire you will enquire into this Matter & that you will acquaint me whether you have received any Account of it from the said Governor or from any other hand and that in case you find the Fact to be truly set forth by the s.d Contivier you will give me your Opinion what may be properly done for his Relief I am

My Lords

Your Lordships

Most Humble Servant

Holles Newcastle

Council of Trade

Recd } April 21st 1724
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South Carolina

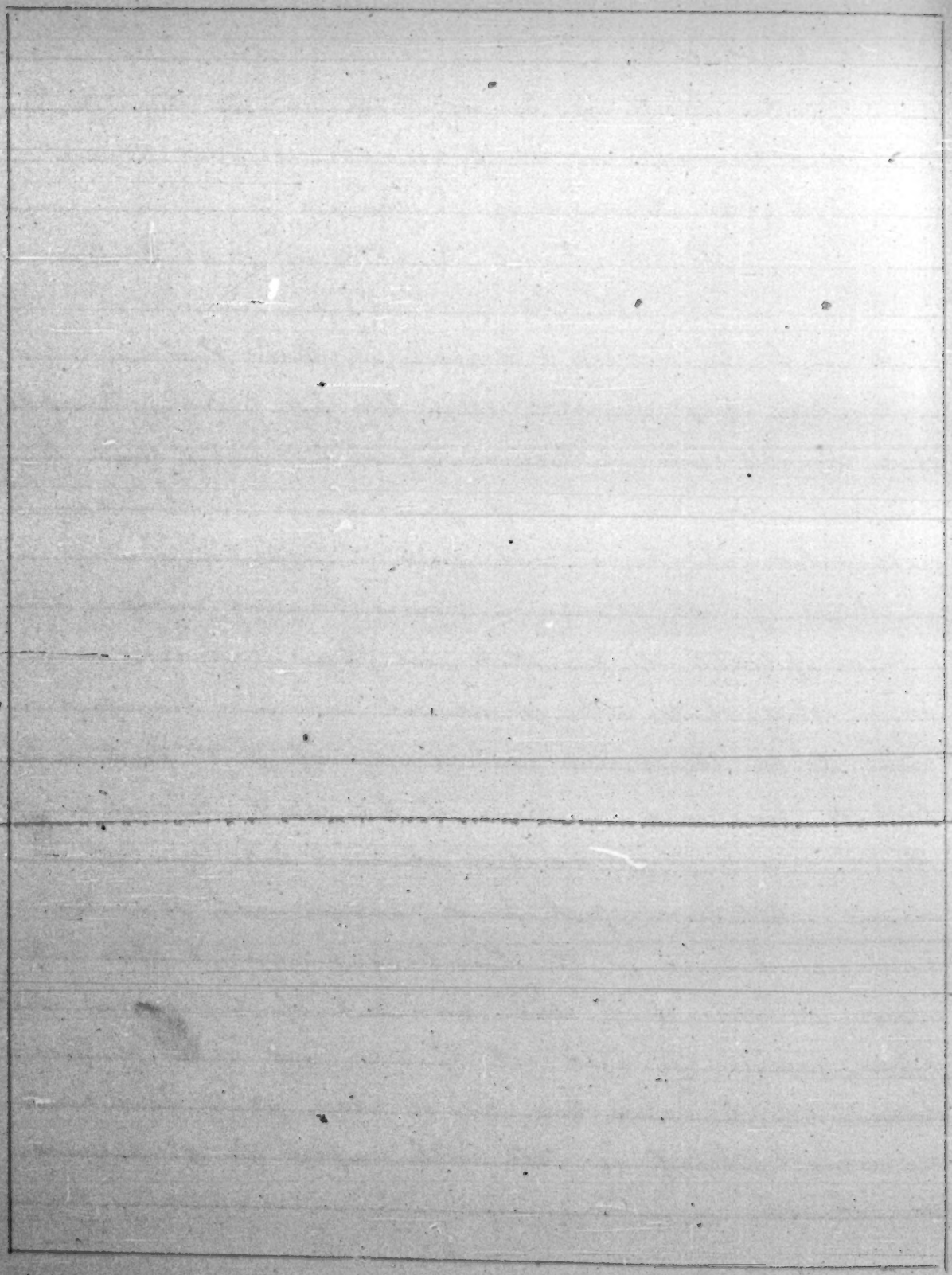
South Carolina

By his Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq. Capt Genl and Governour in Chief in and over ye Sd Province and Vice Admirall of ye Same

To the Provost Marshall of ye Sd Province and all other whom it may concern.

It is hereby ordered & directed ye Mons. Courturier now in Custody of ye Marshall sell his two Indian Slaves by him brought into ye Province before Wednesday next to his best advantage to such purchaser or purchasers as will enter into bond with good & sufficient Security in ye Sume of one thousand pounds Currant money of this Province payable to his Matie his Heirs & Successors, ye he or they shall wth ye utmost Expedicon transport or cause to be transported each & every of ye Sd Indians by him so purchased to some of his Matie Islands in ye West Indies; & ye ye Marshall observe & take care ye no person whatsoever speak to or converse with ye Sd Mons. Coulurier but in ye Sd Marshalls presence & there only about ye Sale of ye said Indians, & if any person whatsoever presume to talk wth him on any other Subject Immediately to expell him, her or them ye Sd Room & render an account thereof as well with respect to ye persons as things.

Given



Given under my hand & Seal this eight day of February 1723 in ye tenth year of his Majestys Reign

A Monsieur

A Monsieur de Chammorel Charge des affaires de France a la Cour d' Angleterre

Monsieur

Suplie humblement Le Sieur Couturier disant qu'etant pourveu par Sa Majesté de la Charge de Greffier en Chef du Conseil Superieur dela Louisianne & de celle d Ecrivain du Roy en Ladite Province, Lesquelles il auroit exercée dixhuit Mois, Mais comme Sa Majesté par son Edit de mille Sept cent dixhuit a rendu la Compagnie des Indes Souveraine du Pays Les Charges du Supliant — omberent de facon qúil Se trouva dans la necessite de repulser en Europe Plusieurs Anglois lasseurerent que les Passayes etoient ala Caroline a qui l'engagea de faire route pour Charleston ou étant le Gouverneur sans vouloirlentendre le fit mettre dans les Prisons comme Espion deux jeunes Francois & deux Sauvages Esclaves qúil avoit avec lui, —

Ce traitement Monsieur est contre toutes Sortes de Loy; puis que nous Sommes en paix il ny a certainement point d'Espion. Cependant contre l'intention du Conseil & de l' Assemblée de la Caroline le Supliant a demeuré Prantè trois jours das les Prisons sans parler A qui que ce Soit, comme Sil avoit ête un Criminel pendant lequel temps il auroit ecrit trois Lettres au

Gouverneur

Gouverneur pour être interoge mais inutilement, y Sans etre entendu, ny même vouloia voir Les provisions, Le Gouverneur lui envoya dire apres trois Semaines de Prison, que Son intention étoit qu'il vendit Ses deux Esclaves y qu'il lui accorderoit ensuite Son passage pour l'Europe. Le Supliant lui fit dire qu'il y en Avoit un qui Lui avoit Sauvé deux fois la vie que Son honneur l'engageoit a ne le point abandonner et qu'il ne pouvoit Se resoudre a le vendre, qu'il le Suplioit de lui laisser l'un y l'autre, qu'il les passoit en France pour e Monseigneur Le Comte de Toulouse. Les choses resterent huit jours en cet etat, pendant lequel temps Ledit Conseil et Assemblée noublierent rien pour obtenir la liberté du Supliant, et representerent au Gouverneur que c'etoit violer les droits des gens que le traiter de la sorte, que tout passage etoit Libre en temps de Paix. Mais toutes leurs raisons furent inutiles et quoy que le Gouverneur fut Seul de Son partit, il envoya l'Ordre cy joint a Son Marechal pour la vente de Ses deux Esclaves C'est ce qui vous prouve Monsieur le cruel traitement que j'ay receu de cet homme. Je lui Ecrivi encore une fois pour la liber de ces pauvres mal'heureux, mais il me renvoya ma Lettre Sans en avoir fait Lecture, y me fit dire par ce même Marechal, de rester dans les Prisons ou de

consenter

consentir a ladite Vente

Dans cette triste Situation je fut encore deux jours Sans prendre aucun parti, Mais il falu contre mon inclination abandonner mes Esclaves Lesquels furent vendus, & embarqué Sur le champ pour la nouvelle York

Le Gouverneur me fit dire qu'il falloit m'embarquer pour l'Europe je lui fit demander de rester huit a dix jours, quil y Avoit deux hommes qui me devoient, l'un deux Cent piastres Monoye de Caroline, & l'autre quinze Argent d'Espagne Lesquels devoient arriver dans ce temps là qui ne voulu point m'accorder, & il falu membarquer, le Lendemain, & laisser perdre mon Argent. Le Supliant auroit été fort heureux S'il en avoit été quite pour ses deux Sommes Une Heure avant Son Embarquement Le Mareschal lui dit qu'il lui falloit douze cent Soixante & dix huit Piastres Monoye Caroline & Apres lui avoir represente tout ce qui convenoit en pareille occasion il falu les donner, ne pouvant écrire ny parler au Gouverneur, pour Trente trois jours de Prison, Monsieur cela est bien violent. Cette affaire finis le Supliant cru être quite, Mais il ne fut pas long temps dans cette erreur. Parut dans le moment Le Secretaire du Gouverneur Auquel il falut aussi donner quarante Piastres ou rester dans les Prisons, a ce qu'il me dit dont quittance cy attachée ce que le Mareschal a refusé au Supliant Son seul avec Justice

regarder

regarder cette affaire comme un bel Manifeste de la part de ces deux hommes, ce qui merite assurement punition

Enfin d'un & l'autre bien contant, il fut conduit comme un criminel par le Marechal a la Chalouppe destinee pour Son embarquement. Le Supliant eu la consolation de trouver en Son Chemin plus de vingt Bourgeois de la ville qui l'attendoient lesquels lui dirent de ne Se point abandonner au Chagrin, que la Cour d'Angleterre lui rendroit justice, a laquelle on Avoit ecrit plusieurs Lettres, touchant les traitemens injustes qu'il avoit recu ce qui etoit Sans exemple ces memes Bourgeois asseurerent le Supliant que le Gouverneur n'Avoit eu d'autre raison pour le traiter de la Sorte, que pour faire de la peine a la plus part des habitans Francois qui Sont Etably a la Caroline

En cet état quoy que le Supliant n'ait pas l'honneur d'etre connu de vous Monsieur, il Se flate comme cette affaire regarde la Nation, que vous voudrez bien avoir la bonté d'obtenir un Ordre de la Cour d'Angleterre, pour qu'il lui Soit permis d'aller prendres Ses Esclaves a la Nouvelle York, ou autre endroit qu'il les trouvera en remettant les prix qu'ils ont ete vendu A celuy qui les Aura, qu'il Soit aussi remboursé au Supliant la Somme de cinq cent dixhuit piastres Monoye de Caroline & quinze piastres

piastres Argent d'Espagne, Sur le compte du Gouvernement de Ladite Province, comme n'ayant point voulu lui permettre d'attendre ceux qui lui devoient, ensemble ce qu'il a été obligé de donner à Son Secretaire & Marechal Ainsi qu'il est expliqué par la present requête comme n'ayant pas voulu l'entendre pour lui rendre justice à ce Sujet Qu'il Soit aussi remboursé au Supliant Les frais qu'il Sest obligé de faire pour aller chercher des Esclaves ce qui lui coutera du moins cinquante guynées, qu'il Soit aussi Ordonner Ledit Gouverneur de faire passer en Europe les deux Francois qui étoient venus avec le Supliant, les quels étoient encore detenus injustement dans les Prisons lors de Son Embarquement

C'est la Grace Monsieur que fera
de vous le Supliant

B.P.R.O. South Carolina BT. vol. 25. p. 180.

(23 april 1724)

To Richd Shelton Esqr
Secretary to the Lords Proprietors
of Carolina.

Sr

My Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations command me to acquaint you, that they desire you will let them have as soon as possibly may be, the Opinion of the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, upon the Act passed there in 1721 for vesting the fee simple of a certain Plantation and House commonly called the Governor's House, in the Honourable Robert Johnson Esqr. I am

Sr

your most humble Servant
A. Popple

Whitehall
april ye 23d 1724

B.P.R.O. A.N.S. vol. 620

(23 April 1724.)

My Lord,

We have receiv'd your Grace's Letter of the 20th Instant, with the Papers given you by the French Secretary Monsr. Chamorel, containing the Complaints of the Sieur Conturier, of which We have as yet receiv'd no Account from the Governor of South Carolina, or doth the Agent of that Province (whom We sent for to attend Us) know any thing of the Matter; We have therefore order'd Our Secretary to transmit a Copy of the said Complaints to General Nicholson, It is Majesty's Governor of South Carolina with Directions to send Us his Answer thereto, which We shall not fail to transmit to your Grace so soon as We shall have received it.

We are,

My Lord,

Your Graces

Most Obedient and

most humble Servants

Westmorland.

J. Chetwynd.

M. Bladen.

Edw. Ashe.

J. Dodminique

J. Pelham.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle

Whitehall
April 23. 1724

B.P.R.O. South Carolina B.T. vol. 25. p. 183.

(24 April 1724)

To Francis Nicholson Esqr

Sir,

His Grace the D: of Newcastle, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretarys of State, having referred to the consideration of my Lords Commissrs for Trade & Plantations a Memt to Mr Chamorel, the French Secry from the Sieur Couturier, containing a complaint of his having been unjustly seiz'd and detain'd by you in his Passage through South Carolina, Homewards from the French Plantations, and of his having been obliged by you to Sell some Slaves which he was bringing home, As also of other Hardships which you will find particularly set forth in a Copy of the said Memt, which my Lords Commissrs have commanded me to send you inclos'd, for your particular Answer thereto which their Lordships desire you will let them have as soon as possibly may be.

Upon this Occasion, I am by their Lordships Order, to remind you of your 96th Instruction, whereby you are obliged upon all Occasions to send unto his Majesty and to his Commissioners for Trade

Trade and Plantations, a particular Accot of all your proceedings, and of the condition of affairs within your Government.

I am,

&c

A. Popple

B.P.R.O. South Carolina B.T. Vol. 25 p. 184.

(30 April 1724.)

To the Kings' most Excellent Majty

May it please Your Majesty,

We have lately had under our Consideration an Act pass'd in Carolina in 1721. Entituled An Act for the vesting the Fee Simple of a certain Plantation and House, commonly call'd the Govrs House in the Honble Robt Johnson Esqr And having had the Opinion of Mr West, one of your Majestys Counsel at Law thereupon, We have no Objection to the said Act, and therefore humbly lay the same before your Majesty, for your Royal Confirmation.

Which is most humbly submitted

Westmorland.

Whitehall
April ye 30th 1724

P. Docminique
T. Pelham
M. Bladen.

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London Aprill 30th 1724

May it Please yr Lordships

In pursuance of your Commands I have Enquired into the Complaints of the Sieur Contuvier against Franc: Nicholson Esq Govern: of South Carolina and am inform'd by Mr Rothmoller, a Merchant lately Arrived from Carolina, that at his departure from thence, the said Contuvier was under Confinement at the Marshals House in Charles Town. And that the Reason of it was (as he apprehended) that he had come away from the French Settlement (as he himself acknowledged) against the Consent of the Govern: of Moville, and two other French Men with him & two Indians. And for that he brought no Pass from the said Govern: nor any other Person Authorized, Mr Nicholson kept him under Confinement until he cou'd be informed of the truth of his coming away, it being usual for such as come thro that Country from any of the French or Spanish Settlements to have Passes, the want of which gave the Govern: Just Reason to Suspect he come to tempt away the Slaves from the Inhabitants, or on some other ill design. But as I have no Instructions from the Govern: touching this affair

affaire, and if this Answer be not Satisfactory to your Lordships I humbly hope you will be Pleased to Transmitt a Coppy of the said Complaint to Govern.r Nicholson who I doubt not will fully Justifie his Proceedings in this Affaire.

I am

My Lords

Your Lordships

most Obedient & most Humble

Servant

Jnº Yonge

Rt Honble Lords Comm.rs for Trade &c

Recd May 11 } 1724
Read July 22d }

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(12th May 1724)

At the Court at St James's the 12th day of May 1724

Present

The Kings most Excellent Majesty in Councill

Upon reading this day at the Board a Representation from the Lords Commissioners of Trade and Plantations dated the 30th of last Month, for his Majestys Royal confirmation, of an Act passed in Carolina in 1721 Intitled "An Act for the vesting the Fee Simple of a certain Plantation and House commonly called the Governor's House in the Honble Robert Johnson Esqr"

It is Ordered by his Majesty in Councill that the said Representation and Act, Be and they are hereby Referred to a Committee of the Lords of his Majestys most Honble Privy Councill to consider the Same, And Report their Opinion thereupon to his Majesty at this Board.

A true Copy
Robert Hales

Recd June 2d
Read July 22d } 1724

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Charles Town May ye 5th 1724

May it please Yor Lordp

This is designed (God willing) by ye Honble Colle John Fenwick by whom I also Send to Yor Lordps a Box Containing the Laws with Journalls of both Houses of our Assembly: This Gent hath a very Good Character in all Respects, is Colle of One of Our Regiments of Foot Esteemed a Man of very Good Courage and Conduct having (when this Country was Invaded) Commanded the party of English that beat those Frenchmen that Landed to the Northward of this place; He is one of the Principal Members of Our Comons House of Assembly, One of ye Assistant Judges of his Matys Supream Court of Pleas here and very well affected to His Matys Government but having been for some time afflicted w the Pathisick & makes him Undertake this Voyage for Great Brittain for the Recovery of his Health. I begg that Yor Lordps will be pleased to Admitt him to give Yor Lordps a Just and full Acct of Our Affairs being (as with humbly Submission I think) a person very well quallified so to do and much better than Some few in Great Brittain and here who Greatly pretend and very much boast of what they can do

and

and what Credit is given to them.

I herewith Send Yo. Lordpt. a Catalogue or List of Papers in the Box and am in hopes that no Objection will be made to any of the Acts of Assembly.

The Act for keeping and Maintaining a Watch in Charles Town (with humble Submission I think) contains Reason for its Justification and that without it We in this Place must be in the Utmost Confusion as in the Primative State of Nature every one doing what is right in his own Eyes and Dayly and Nightly Suffering Mischiefs and Insults both from yt Inhabitants and Seafaring People.

The Act for Regulating the Guard for Johnsons Fort will be a Means (I hope) for it much better Regulations than hitherto it hath been under

The Good Effects of the Several Acts for Settling the Pillotage We already find by a better Management and Greater Applicacon of the Pilotts then it hath hitherto had.

The Act for better Regulating yt Indian Trade I hope will have the like Good Effect the Honble Coll. George Chicken (who Succeeds yt late Coll. Moore in the Office of Comisond for Indian Affairs and Supervising the Garrisons) was to go Yesterday with my Order to

Visitt

Visitt Fort Moore and the Pallachucola Fort and I hope will return by ye 19th Instant the Time of the Sitting of ye Assembly

The Act for the better Security of this his Mats Province (I hope) will cause people to Travel better Armed in Times of Publick meetings when Negroes might take the better opportunity against Great Numbers of Unarmed men

The Act appointing Comissrs to Receive ye Money due on Bonds &c hath already had very Good Effect as Yor Lordps may please to See by the Comissrs Return made to me.

The Act for Joyning and Annexing the Ferry Path is for the Convenieney of all Passengers using the Same

The Three Additional Acts Relyt to ye Watch Act To ye Act for appointing a Comissr to Manage the affair of the Indians And to that to Appoint the Comissrs to receive ye Several Sums of Money due on Bond, We all thought Absolutely Necessary

I herewith Send Yor Lordps the Return of ye Comissrs appointed for the Printing of Bills by which Yor Lordps may please to See the State of that affair.

I had ye Honr to receive Directions from Their Exes the Lords Justices (by Additional Instructions) concerning

concerning Private Acts and I herewith humbly Transmitt to Yo. Lordps. Copys thereof as likewise of what Idid thereon

I herewith humbly Transmitt to Yo. Lordps. the Duplicates of my Letters to Yo. Lordps. of the 5th. of April with the List of Exports &c. And I herewith also Transmitt to Yo. Lordps. Willm. Hammerton Esqr. my Naval Officer his List of Ships and Vessells Entring and Clearing by which Yo. Lordps. may please to See the State of Our present Trade We have Several Ships and Vessells here now Loading but I Suppose Some of the Principall of them will endeavour to gett Over ye. Barr the next Spring Tide which begins ye. 11th. Instant We Expects Some More Ships and Vessells And (God Willing) I hope they will be all Loaded and gone the 24th. of June next which will End the next Quarter

I am now humbly to begg Yo. Pardon for this Idle Letter and that Yo. Lordps. will please to believe that I am with all Sincerity

Yo. Lordps. Most Obliged, Obedient and Faithfull humble Servt.

Jr. Nicholson

Rt. Honble. Lords of Trade

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(2nd May 1724)

1724 May 2d A Catalogue of Papers and writings &c Chas. Hart Esqr Secry drawn to be sent to Great Britain viz.t

Duplicates

Act for keeping and maintaining a Watch in Chas. Town &ca

Act for regulating the Guard at Johnsons Fort &ca

Act for settling and regulating the Pilotage &ca

Addit.l Act to the Act for the better regul.n of y.e Indian Trade &ca

Act for the better Security of this his May.ty Province &c.a

Act to revive and continue the sev.l Acts therein mentioned

Act to appoint Commiss.rs to receive the money due on Bonds to the Publick for Interest

Act for joyning and annexing the Inhabitants of the Ferry Path &ca

Additional Act to the Watch Act 1723/4

Act for appointing a Commissioner for managing the affairs of the Indians &c.a 1723/4

Additional Act to the Act to appoint the Commiss.rs to receive the several sums of money due on Bonds for money taken up on Interest from the Publick

Duplicate Copys

Journall of the upper House of Assembly from the 1st November 1723, to the 15th Febr following

Journal of the upper House of Assembly, from the 23d to the 28th March 1724

Proclamation April 29th 1724, for proroguing the Assembly to the 19th May next

Journal of the Commons House of Assembly between the 13d day of Janr & the 15th day of February 1723

Journal of the Commons House of Assembly from the 25th to the 28th day of March 1724

Charles Town May 5th 1724

Js: Nicholson

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To Francis Nicholson Esq Captain General and Governor in Chief of His Majty Province of South Carolina in America, or to the Commander in Chief of the said Province for the time being Carolina.

Towarded by T Yonge
by the Medway Capt Paule
L. D. G.

Additional Instructions for Francis Nicholson Esq Gov: of South Carolina. Recorded

By the Lords Justices

W Cant Macclesfield C Carleton P.

~~Grafton Roxburghe Cstogan~~

(LS) Additional Instructions for Francis Nicholson Esq Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over his Majtys Province and Territory of South Carolina in America or to the Commander in Chief of His Majty said Province & Territory for the time being Given at Whitehall the 28th day of July 1720 in the Ninth Year of His Majesty's Reign.

We do hereby in His Majtys name, direct and require that

that you do not give your Assent to any Private Act until Proof be made before you in Council (and entered in the Council Books) that Publick Notification was made of the Partys intention to apply for such Act, in the several Parish Churches, where the Premises in Question lye, for three Sundays at least successively before any such Act shall be brought into the Assembly. And further you are to take care that for the future you do not pass any Private Act without a Clause inserted therein, suspending the Execution of such Act, until His Majestys Royal Approbation shall be had thereof

S. Carolina. Recorded April 11th 1724 in the Secretarys Office of this His Majtys Province in Book B page 134 &c

Chas Hart Secry

South Carolina. A Copy of the within hath been sent to every Parish throughout this Province, with the following Advertisement viz.

All Persons concerned are to take notice and give Obedience to the above Order, and all private Acts which have been already sent to Great Britain, or are now in the Secretys Office, be forthwith transmitted home, and application made for His Majestys Royal

approbation

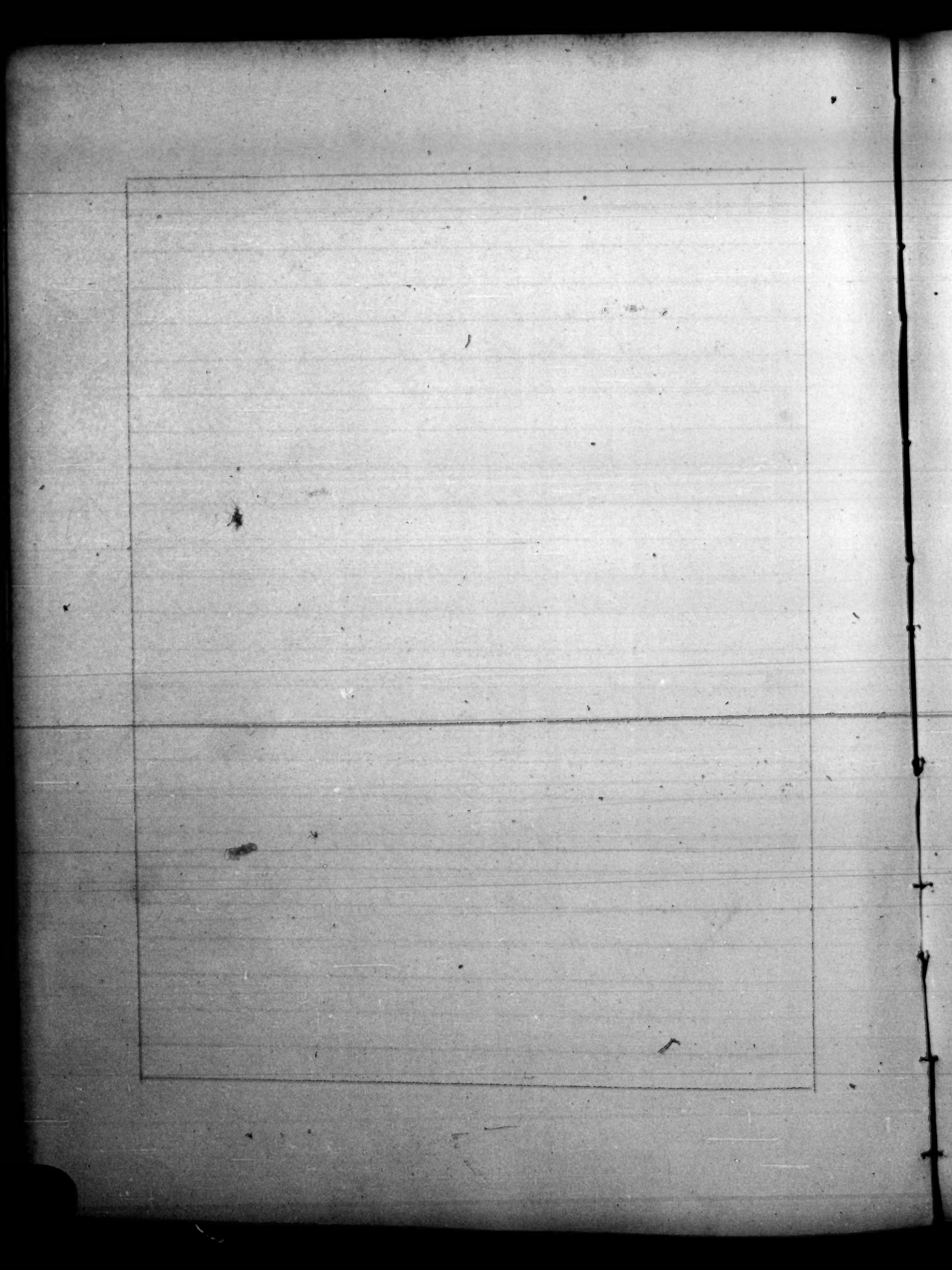
approbation; otherwise they will be of no force or validity

Certified May 8th 1724

Jo Char Hart Secry

N. B. vide Govr. Message to the Commons House of March 21st 1724 in Journal

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B. P. R. O. South Carolina B. T. vol 2 B 13.

(29th April 1720)

South Carolina Ss.

By His Exy the Govr &c

A Proclamation

Whereas the General Assembly of this His Majties Province is and Stands Prorogued to the twelfth Day of May now next coming; but no Extraordinary Occasion so necessarily requiring their then sitting but, that it may be further Prorogued for some small time longer till his Majestys Supream Court of Pleas, then to sitt have dispatched the Severall causes matters and things Depending in the said Court, and in which time, I hope we may Receive a farther account from the Agent, and that the Affair of Planting will be so far over, as to better Admitt the Severall Members to give their attendance I have therefore (by and with the advice and consent of his Majestys Honble Counsill) thought fitt, further to Prorogue the said Assembly and they are hereby Prorogued to the 19th day of the said Month of May: of which all persons concerned are to take Notice, and pay due regard to the Same

By his Exy Comand

Chas: Hart Secty

Given

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of this his Majesties Province at the Council Chamber in Charles Town the Twenty ninth day of April, In the tenth Year of his Majesty's Reign. Annoque Domini, 1724.

Fr Nicholson

God Save the King

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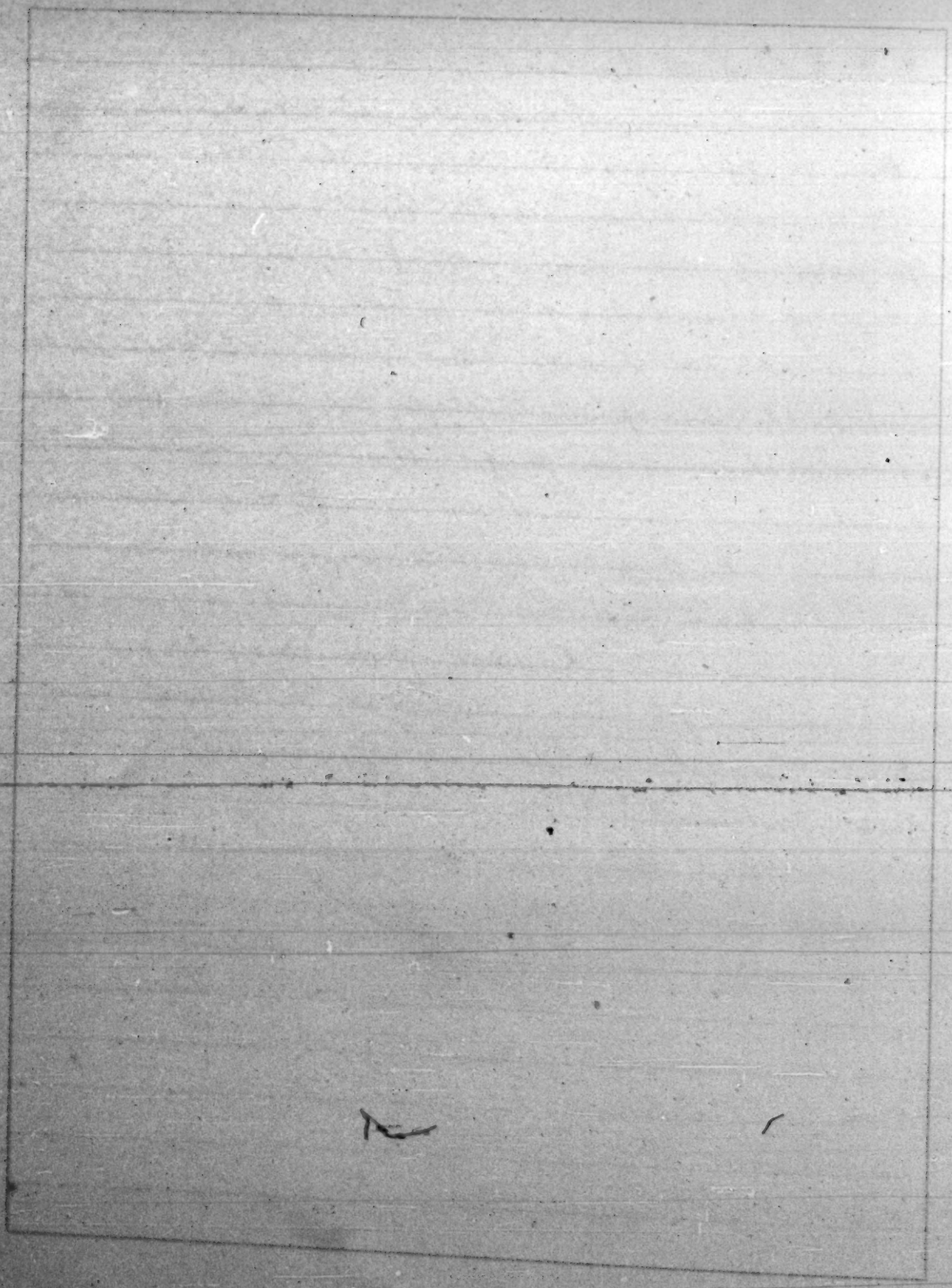
(24th April 1724)

May it please your Excellency

In pursuance to yr Excellencys Order of Yesterday to Mr Houser, We are to inform you that there has been burnt by a Committee of both Houses at five Severall times fourty Nine thousand and fourty five pounds of the old Bills; That there is now ready to be burnt three thousand & Seventy pounds more; and that we have further ready to exchange about four thousand pounds more this 24th Day of April 1724

Hepworth Hill Dry
H Houser

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Charles Town South Carolina May 22d 1724

May it please your Lordp.

I did my Self the Honr of writing to Yr Lordp. on the 5th Instant and Sent a Duplicate and Box of Acts &c both which I hope in God Yr Lordp. will receive And I herewith Send Yr Lordp. a Copy of yr Proclamation for Proroguing the Assembly to the Second of June next by which Time I hope to have the Honr of Yr Lordp. comands.

The Comittee of Correspondence Writes to the Honble Francis Yonge by this Conveyance Copys of Severall papers &c Concerning Indian Affairs &c in Order to wait on Yr Lordp. with them and to Receive Yr Lordp. comands

What will be done in yr Assembly shall by the first Safe Opportunity afterwards be most Humbly Transmitted by

Yr Lordp.

Most Obliged Obedt & Faithfull Humble Servt

Fr Nicholson

Rt Honble Ld. of Trade &c

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South Carolina Charles Town May 5th 1724

We the Present Comissioners Appointed By Two Acts of the General Assembly (One Ratified the 15th of February 1723 And the Other On the 28th of March 1724) To Receive and Cancell the Interest money due to the Publick By Virtue of the Bank Act Ratified the 7th of June 1712 Report As followeth Viz:

That We have Received in & burnt In Curr.t Bills of this Province four thousand Nine hundred fourty & four Pounds five Shillings } £4944.5.-

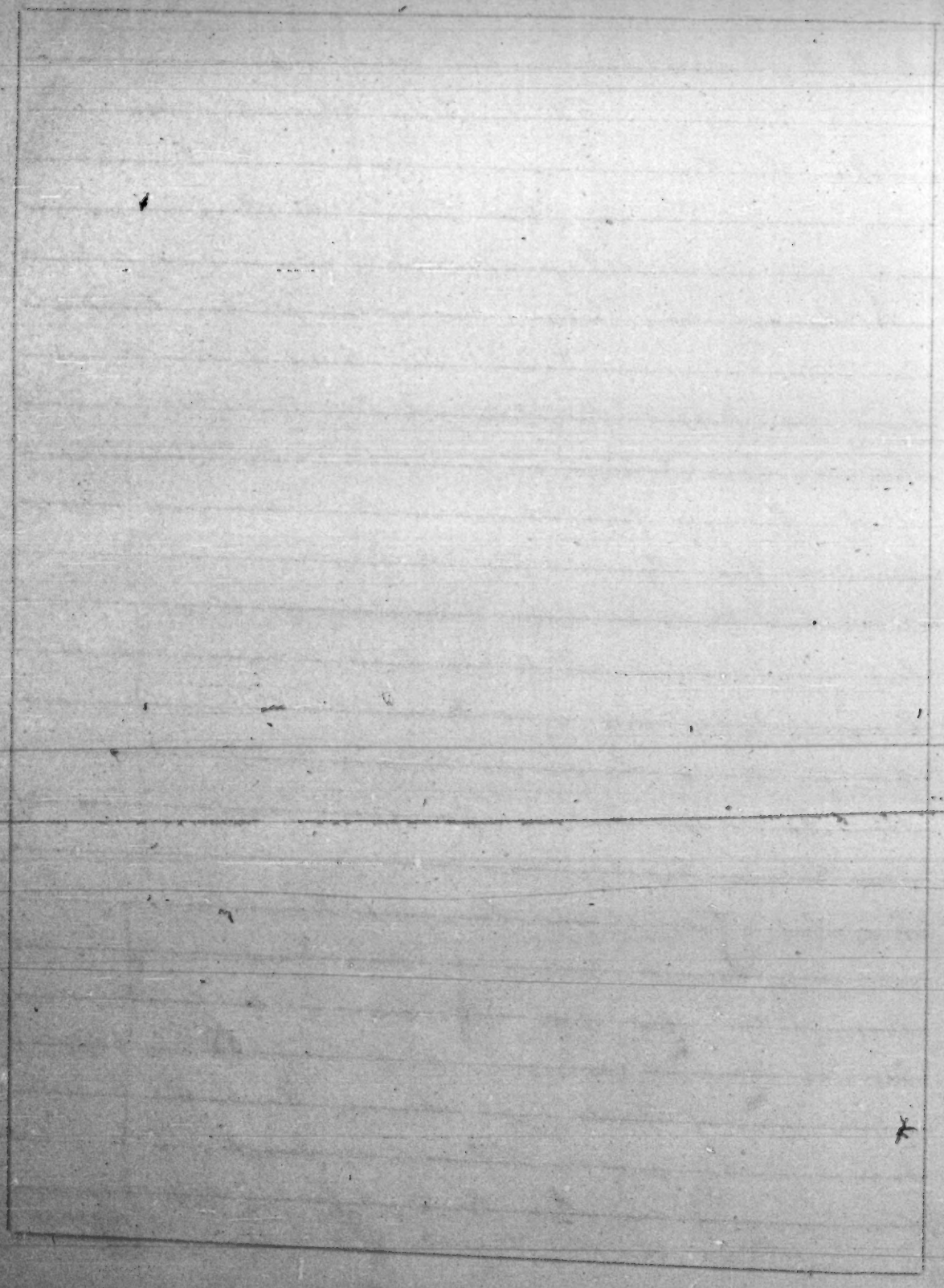
And that there is Still Outstanding for this last yeare interest due to the Publick three hundred Eighty and eight Pounds } £ 388.-.-

And for former Arrears Six hundred Eighty Seven Pounds ten Shillings for which Said Sums Execution will imediately Issue out } £687.10.-

And that there is four thousand Pounds more due from Several Persons By their Bonds & Mortgages On their Real & Personal Estates to be Paid in February next 1724 which Compleats the whole Sum of fourty Eight thousand Pounds to be Paid in twelve Yeares and Cancelled, According to the tenour of the Said Bank Act } £4000.-.-

£ 10019.15.-

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(14th May 1724)

South Carolina ss

By His Excellcy the Governour

A Proclamation

Whereas the General Assembly of this his Majesties Province is and stands Prorogued to the Nineteenth instant by which time it was hoped that Some Advices might have Arrived from Great Brittain and the affair of Planting would have been nearer finished than it seems to be.

And Whereas no such advices are yet arrived, or hoped for by that time, and no Occasion necessarily requiring their sitting so soon. I have Therefore thought fit by and with the Advice and consent of his Majesties Hon.ble Council further to Prorogue them to the Second day of June now next coming, to which time they are hereby Prorogued and that every Member thereof, and all persons concerned are to take Notice, and pay due Obedience to the Same

By His Excellcy Comm.d

Char: Hart Sec.y Given at the Council Chamber under his Majesties Great Seal of this His Province, this fourteenth day

day of May 1724, in the tenth Year
of his Majesties Reign

St Hellens Parish J. A.

God Save the King

Recd 8th July
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(2d June 1724)

At the Court at St James's the 2nd day of June 1724

Present

The Kings most Excellent Majesty in Councill

Whereas by Commission under the Great Seal of Great Britain, the Governor Councill and Assembly of the Province of Carolina in America, are Authorized and Impowered to Make Constitute and Ordain Laws Statutes and Ordinances for the Publick Peace Welfare and good Government of the said Province Which Laws, Statutes and Ordinances, are to be as near as conveniently may be agreable to the Laws and Statutes of this Kingdom, And are to be transmitted to his Majesty for his Royall Approbation or Disallowance And Whereas in Pursuance of the said Powers An Act hath been past in the said Province of Carolina in the Year 1721 and transmitted Intitled as follows Viz.t

An Act for the Vesting the Fee Simple of a certain Plantation and House commonly called the Governor's house in the Honble Robert Johnson Esq.r

Which Act, together with a Representation from the Lords Commiss.rs of Trade and Plantations thereupon, having been considered

considered by a Committee of the Lords of his Majestys most Honble Privy Councill Their Lordships this day reported the said Act as proper to be confirmed

His Majesty in Councill, taking the same into Consideration, Is pleased with the Advice of his Privy Councill to declare his Approbation of the said Act and pursuant to his Majestys Royall Pleasure thereupon the said Act, is hereby confirmed, finally Enacted, and Ratifyed accordingly

A true Copy
Temple Stanyan

Recd 9th June
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Whitehall 8th June 1724

My Lords

I send you herewith, by the King's Command, a Memorial transmitted hither by His Majty Ambassador at Paris of Peter Purry a Swiss, who proposes to settle a Colony of his Country men in Carolina; And I am to signify to you His Majtys pleasure, that you consider of it, and report your opinion of what he proposes, whether it be legal or proper; and how far it may consist with His Majtys Service and the publick good.

I am

My Lords

Yr Lps

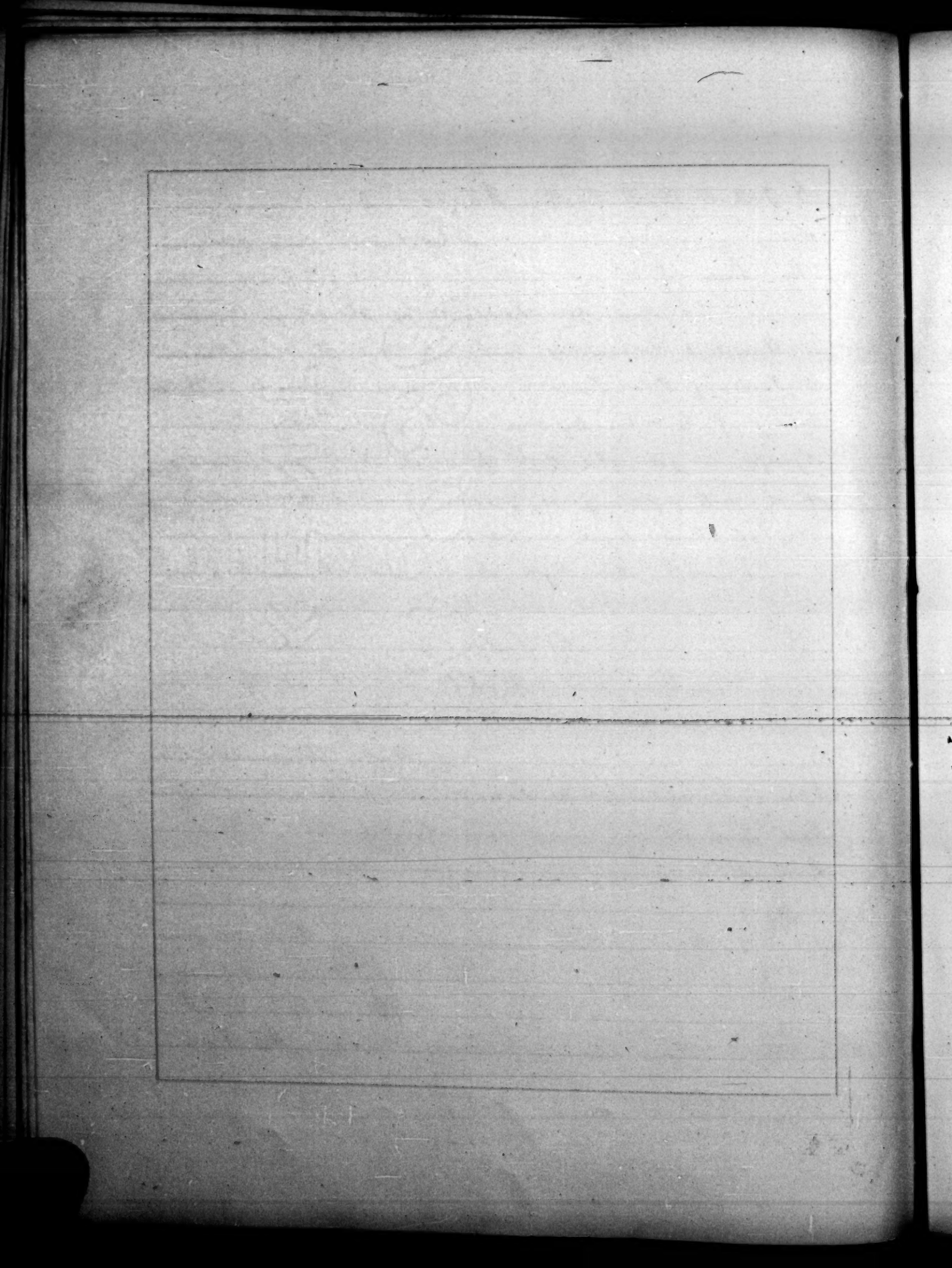
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R. H. Lords Commissrs for Trade &c

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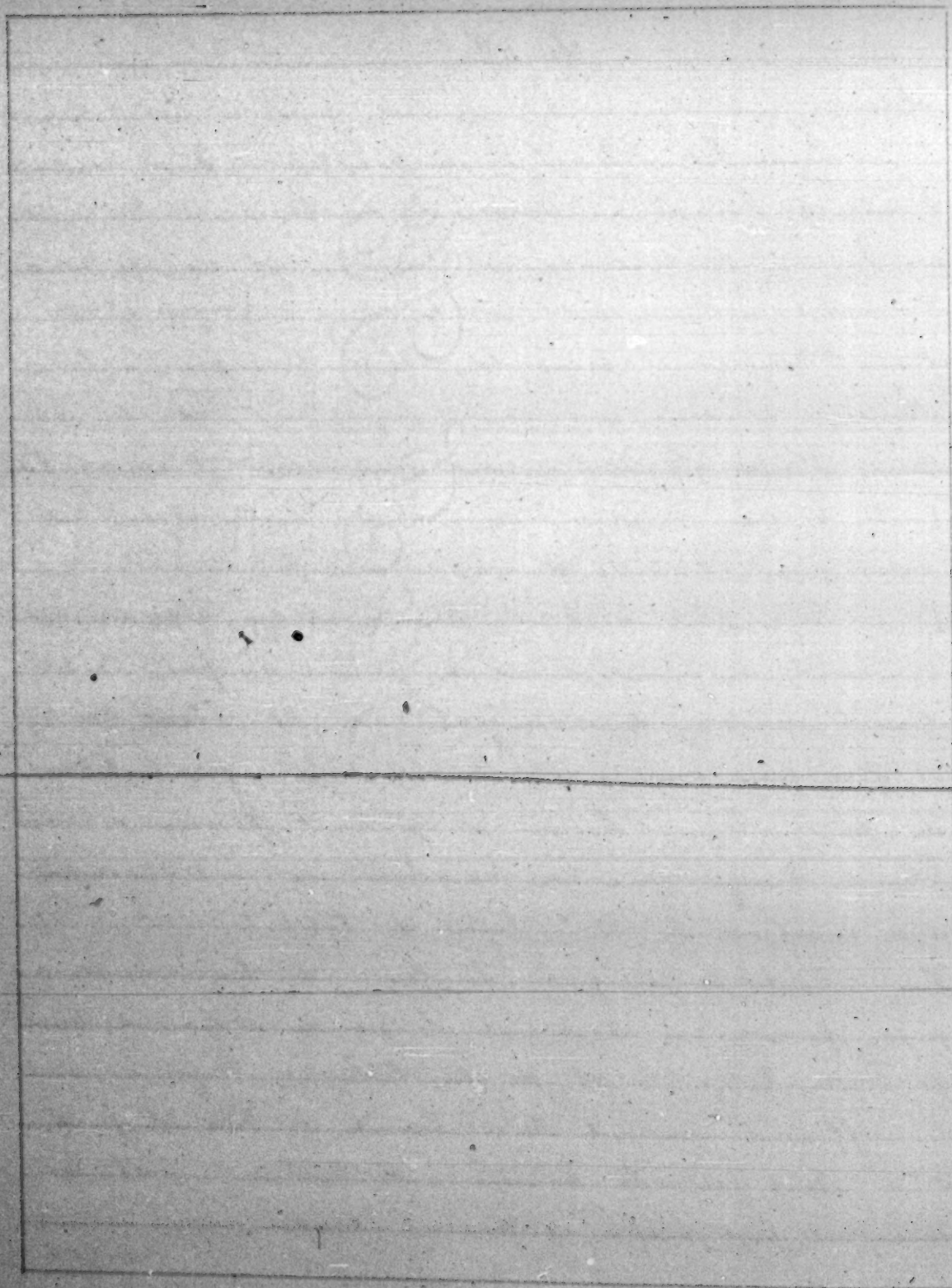
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Jean Pierre Purry de Neufchâtel en Suisse, ci devant Directeur General au Service de la Compagnie Des indes en France, Sachant que la Caroline, est non Seulement l'un des meilleurs païs de l'Amerique, mais même de tout l'Univers; Il prend la liberté de exposer a Vôtre Majesté, le desir qu'il auroit conjointement avec ses Associés, d'aller s'y établir avec une troupe d'environ Six Cents hommes en qualité de Soldats Ouviers dont plusieurs auroient leurs femmes, moiennant

1° Qu'il plût à Vôtre Majesté, de luy accorder une Concession de quatre lieües en quare, que font Seize lieuës de tour, pour en jouir avec les mêmes libertés et franchises que esté données aux autres habitans du païs; Lequel terrain il pourroit prendre a son Choix, d'entre ceux qui ne sont pas encore occupés, aux environs du 33me degré de latitude

2° Qu'il puisse faire la levée de Son monde pour former un Regiment Suisse, qui Seroient tous de cette Nation la et de la Religion Reformée, dont les Officiers auroient leurs Brevets de Vôtre Majesté

3° Qu'il ait le Caractére de Collonel, joint a celluy de juge, afin de pouvoir decider avec un certain



certain nombre d' Officiers, sur toutes les difficultés qui se presenteroient parmi ses gens, toutefois sous le benéfice d' Appél au juge Suprême qui est établi en cè pais la

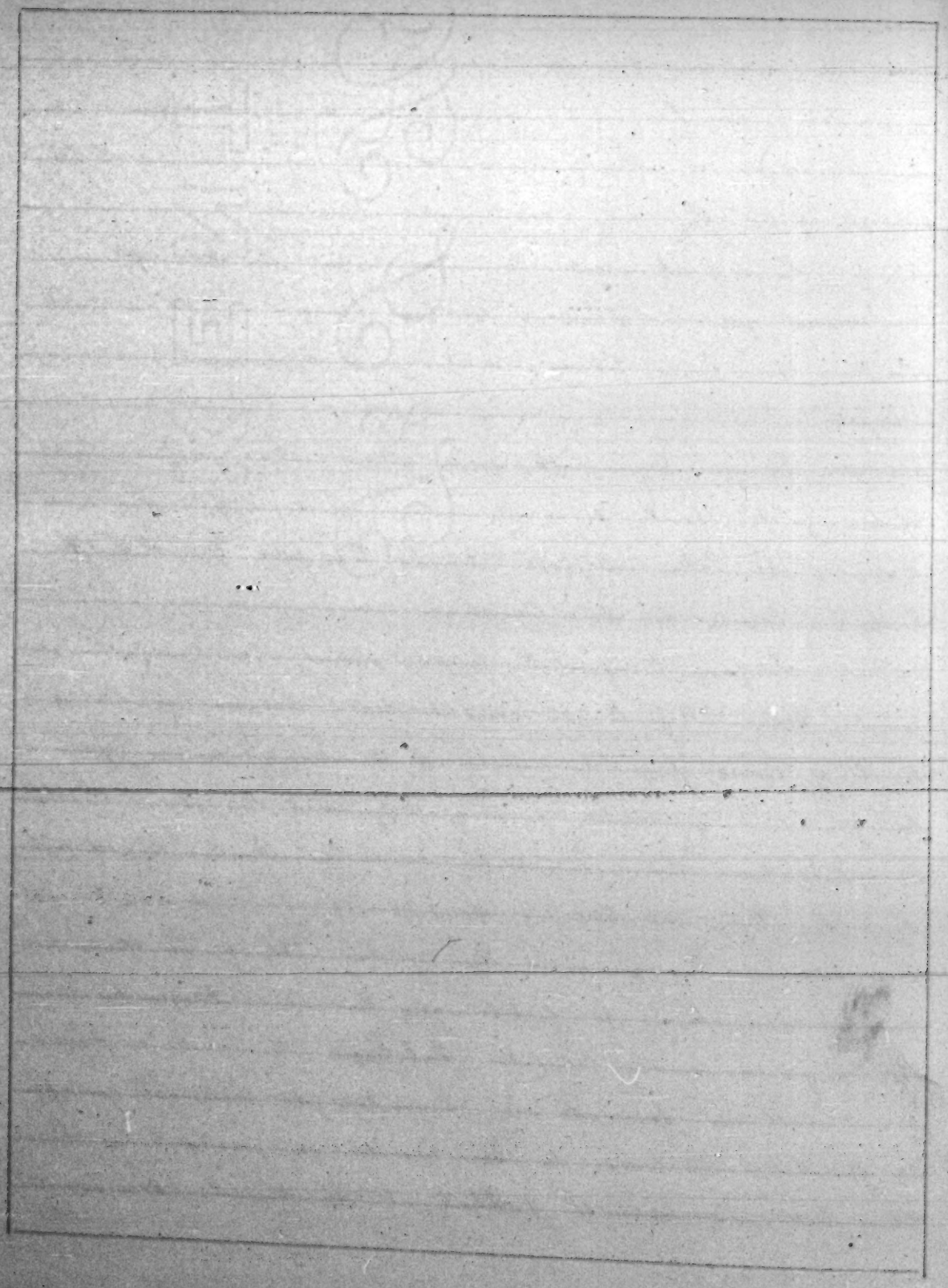
4e Qu'il ait aussi la Nomination de ses officiers De même que le pouvoir de les revoquer et d'en établir d'autres en leurs places, lors qu'ils l'auroient absolument merité.

5e Et qu' Enfin, il vous plaise Sire, defaire transporter gratis tout ce monde avec leurs effets Sur les Navires de Vôtre Majesté, depuis l'un des Ports D'Angleterre, insqu'a ceux de la Caroline

Surquoy l'exposant Supplie encore tres respectueusement Vôtre Majesté de vouloir bien observer, qu'il ne peut y avoir trop de monde a la Caroline, eu égard à sa grandeur immense, puis que Suivant les deux Chartes accordées aux Concessionaires dans les Années 1663 et 1665. Sous le Regne de Charles Second Elle S'etend depuis la Mer du Nord insqu'a la Mer du Sud; Et qu'un pais ne Sauroit être riche et fertile, que par la culture des terres et le grand nombre de ses habitans.

Il ne demande le Caractère de Collonel qu'afin de faciliter la levée de Son monde, en prenant la chose plus brillante dans le publick et de pouvoir donner a

Ses



Les Officiers, l'authorité necessaire, tant pour faire travailler les Ouvriers, que pour conserver l'ordre et la discipline parmi eux, Sans quoy il ne Seroit presque pas possible d'y pouvoir reüssir

Il importe aussi que la troupe Soit nombreuse d'hommes, non Seulement pour l'emulation, le courage et la joye que chacun ressent, lors qu'on est plusieurs ensemble; Mais Sur tout, parce que dans une grosse troupe, il se trouve des gens de toutes Sortes de professions neicessaires pour former un bon établissement, Et que si cela manque, une Colonie ne fait que languir ou tout au plus, ne Sauroit prosperer qu'après un temps infini.

D'ailleurs, c'est que les Suisses Sont presque tous de bons laboureurs, aimant le travail, et Sur la fidelité des quels on pourroit compter. Dey que ces gens là se Seroient determinés d'aller à la Caroline, ils la regarderoient desia d'avance comme S'ils étoient rey Anglois, et par consequent leur veritable Patrie Ceux y venant a mourir, leurs Enfans auroient d'autres Enfans, et par Succession de temps une infinité de bons Suiets qui n'auroient jamais rien coutté d'acquerir, Si ce n'est les frais du trajet de la Mer; Mais cette depence est Si peu de chose pour l'Etat, qu'elle ne doit pas être un obiet

obiét pur rapport aux fruits, aux huyles, à la Cire, au tabac au Cotton, à l'indigo, aux Bois de construction aux Cuirs, aux Pelleteries, au gouderon, aux Chanvres, aux Laines, aux Soyes, à la diverbile des excellents vins, au froment, et à une infinité d'autres productions, Soit pour le teintures ou pour la Medecine, qui en viendroient infalliblement d'un si bon pû S'il étoit peuple et nultivé comme il faute sans qu'on pendit jamais autre chose en échange, que des marchandises Sortant des Manufactures d'Angleterre

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(11 June 1724.)

To Richd Shelton, Esqr

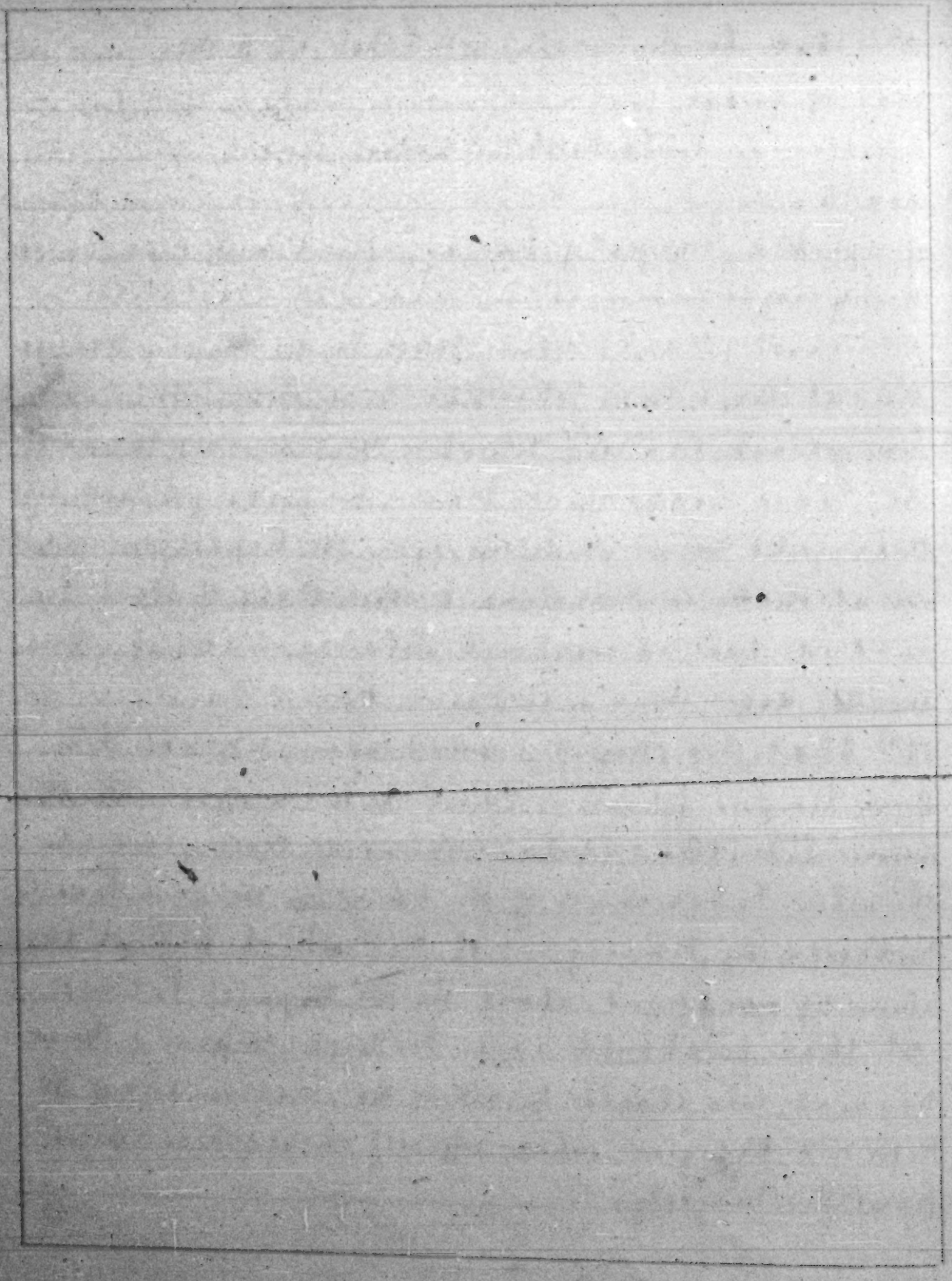
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His Majesty having referr'd to the consideration of My Lords Commissrs for Trade and Plantations a Memorial transmitted hither by his Majestys Ambassador at Paris, from John Peter Purry, of Neufchatel in Switzerland, formerly Director General in the Service of the India Company in France, purporting his and his Associates Desire to Settle upon the Conditions undermentioned, in Carolina, with a Body of about Six hundred men, as workmen Soldiers, many of whom would have their wives with them.

1st That his Majesty would please to grant him four Leagues Square of Land, to be enjoyed with the same Liberties and Franchises as those given to the other Inhabitants of the Country the said Land to be chosen by himself out of that which has not been already occupyed, about the 33d Degree of Latitude.

2d That he should raise his People to form a Swiss Regment, who should be all of that Nation, and of the Reformed Religion, whose Officers should have Brevets from his Majesty.

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3d That he should have the Character of Sole, joinit with that of Judge, in Order, with a certain Number of Officers, to decide all the Differences which might happen amongst his People, with the Benefit however of appealing to the Supreme Judge Established in that Country.

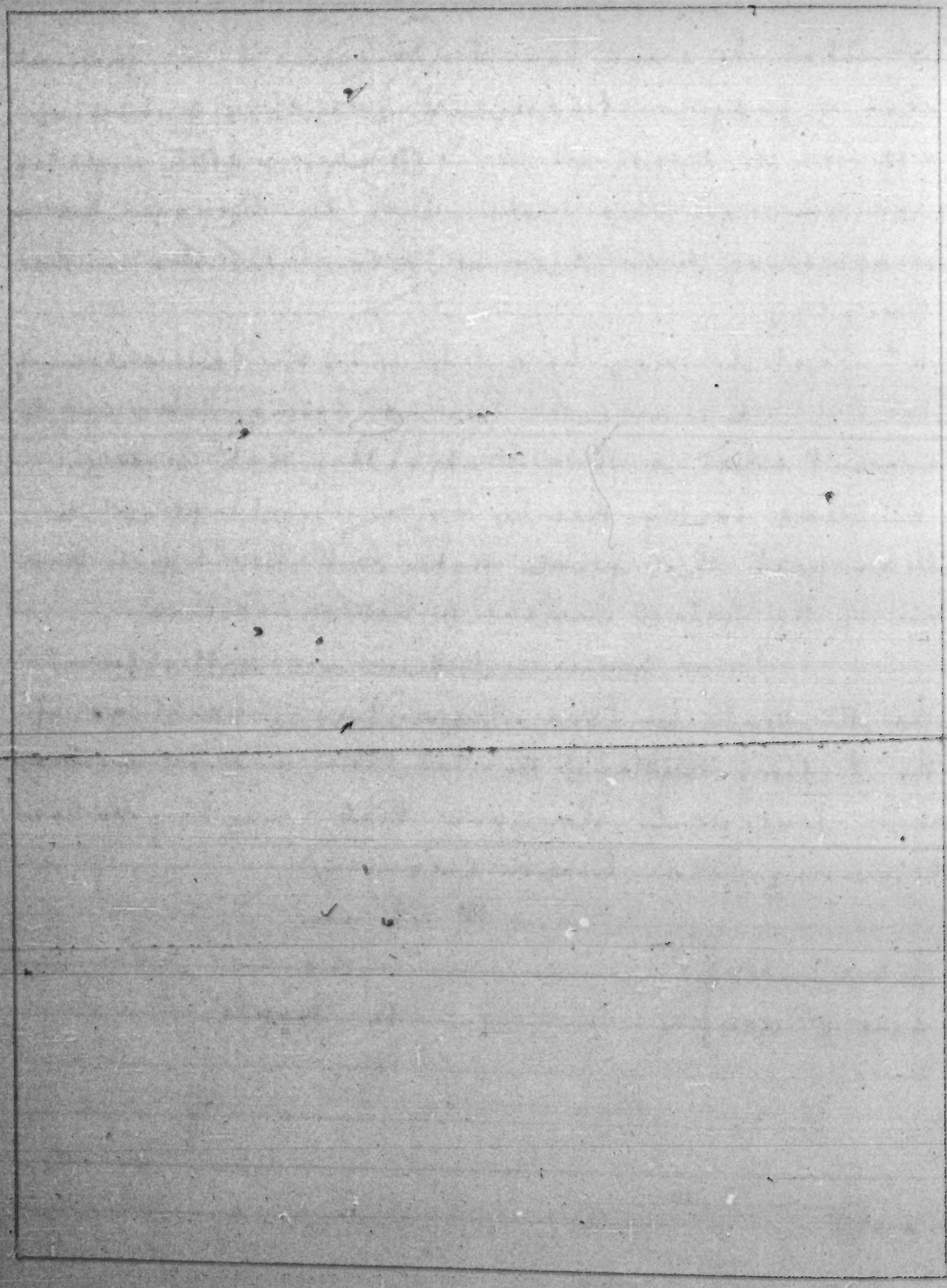
4th That he may have likewise the Nomination of his Officers, as also the Power to displace them, and to appoint others in their Stead, as they shall deserve.

5th And lastly, that His Majesty would please to transport these people gratis, with their Effects from one of the Ports of England to those of Carolina.

I am hereupon to desire you will inform the Rt Honble the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, of the Subject Matter of this Petition, and let me know their Sentiments thereupon, that I may lay the same before my Lords Commissioners.

I am
&c
A Popple

Whitehall
June 11th 1724



B P R O South carolina B.T Vol 2 B90.

South carolina June yᵉ 11ᵗʰ 1724

May it please Yoʳ Lordpˢ

I writt to Yoʳ Lordpˢ the 22ᵈ of last Month and inclosed is a Duplicate thereof which I hope Yoʳ Lordpˢ will receive Our Assembly is now Ended According to Our Law for three years. The Comons House of Assembly as they Stile themselves have for yᵉ most part Acted very Strangely & in my Opinion Arbitrarily if not Illegally, And as Soon as the Journalls of his Majᵗʸ Honᵇˡᵉ Council and theirs are finished which I hope (God willing) will be in a fortnight I shall Transmitt them to Yoʳ Lordpˢ and then Yoʳ Lordpˢ will be best Judges whether they or his Matʸ Honᵇˡᵉ Council and my Self have behaved most Loyall And Dutifull to his Maᵗʸˢ Royal Instructions and I should fail in my Duty to his Most Sacred Maᵗʸ if I did not observe to Yoʳ Lordpˢ the very Great Trouble and Concern I have to find the Spirit of Comon Wealth Principles both in Church and State increase here dayly and (as Supposed) partly by the Influence of yᵉ New Englanders

I have observed that a Great many of the Natives of this Continent are very variable in their

Affections

Politicks both in Church and State wch may be partly caused by the Uncertainty of yr Weather both in Respect of heat and cold.

I find that Great Industry is Used to Influence the people by Insinuating that the Lords Propietors will have yr Government again This hath been a Topick greatly made use of since I have had the Honr to be here and Under hand managed by the late Rhett and Mr Trott and Supposed now to be carryed on by the Said Trott wth the Present Mr Rhett & Mr Roger Moore & Eliazer Allen (Who Marryed Two of Old Rhetts Daughters) and Joseph Blake Esq One of the Twelve Proprietors who some time before the Assembly mett told me that he had an accot That the Lords Proprietors intended to bring the affair of the Governmt to an Issue which I most heartily wish was done but this might be like Some other Insinuations before Assembly

Most heartily begging Yr Lordps Pardon for this Letter I remain

Your Lordps Most Obedient Obliged & most Faithfull Humble Servt

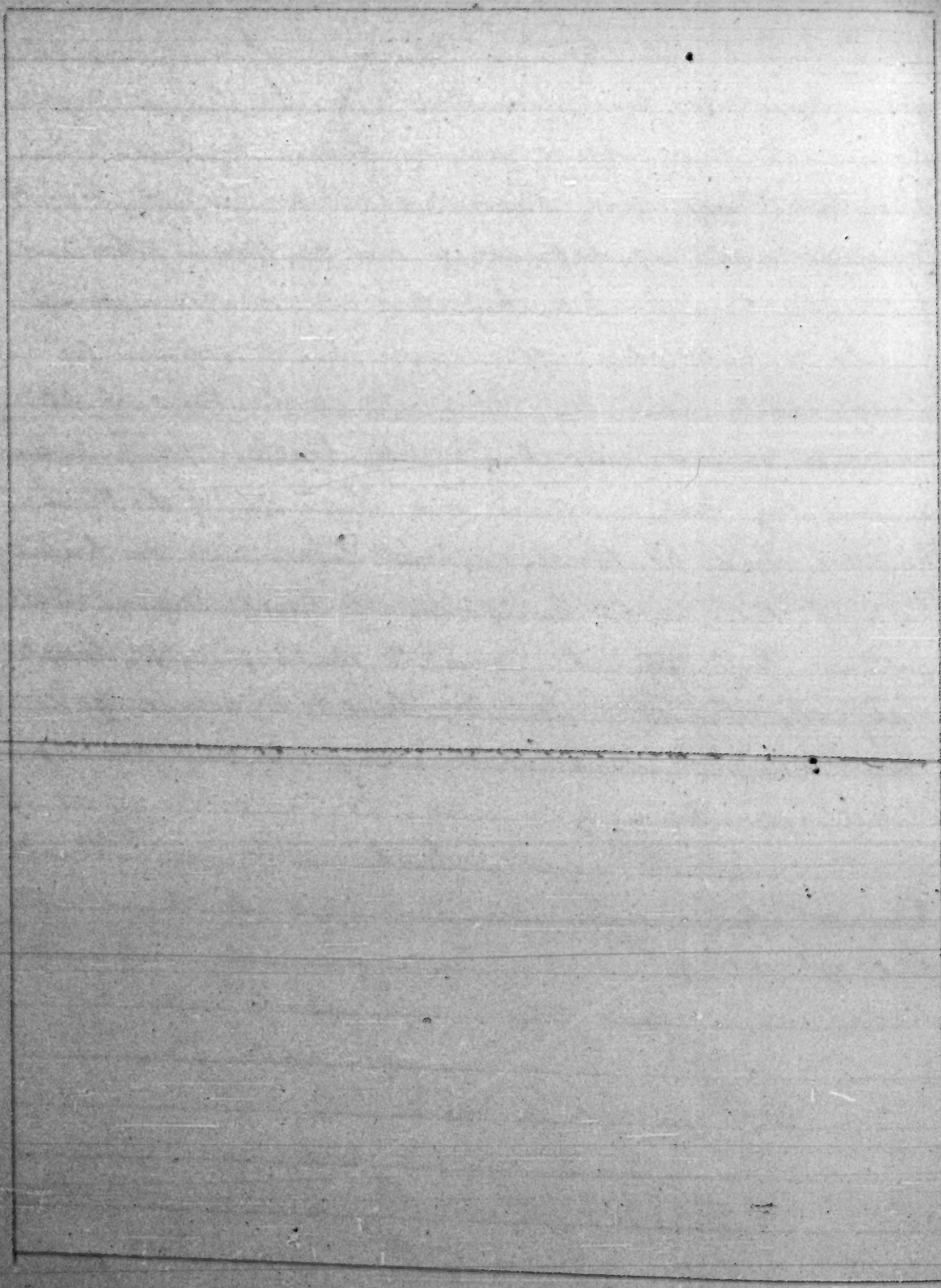
Jr. Nicholson

P.S.

P. S. Our late Comons House of Assembly would not Agree to have the Honble Francis Yonge Esqr Continued Our Agent or any other Appointed tho they were very much Pressed to it by his Majtys Hon.ble Council and my Self; And the Comittee of Correspondence Seaseth but they send to Mr Yonge Some Papers &c but this affair and Several others Yor Lordp will have an Acct of in the Copys of the Journals And the Honble Coll Chicken being Commissioner of Indian affairs and Superviss.d of the Garrisons he will Send to Mr Yonge the Proceedings we have had of late with Two partys of Creek Indians and I shall Write to Mr Yonge to wait upon Yor lordp with the Papers concerning them & to receive Yor Lordps Comands which Shall always be very readily & Willingly Obeyed by

J. M.

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Admiralty Office 20 June 1720

Sr

I am Comanded by my Lords Commrs of the Admiralty to inclose you an Extract of a Letter from Mr Blakeway Judge of the Vice Admiralty of South Carolina, giving an Account of the Progress made by the French at Mississippi in the Improvement of Naval Stores, with the Copy of a Declaration of the Master of a French Sloop, lately put into Carolina, which you will please to communicate to the Lords Commrs for Trade and Plantations. I am

Sr

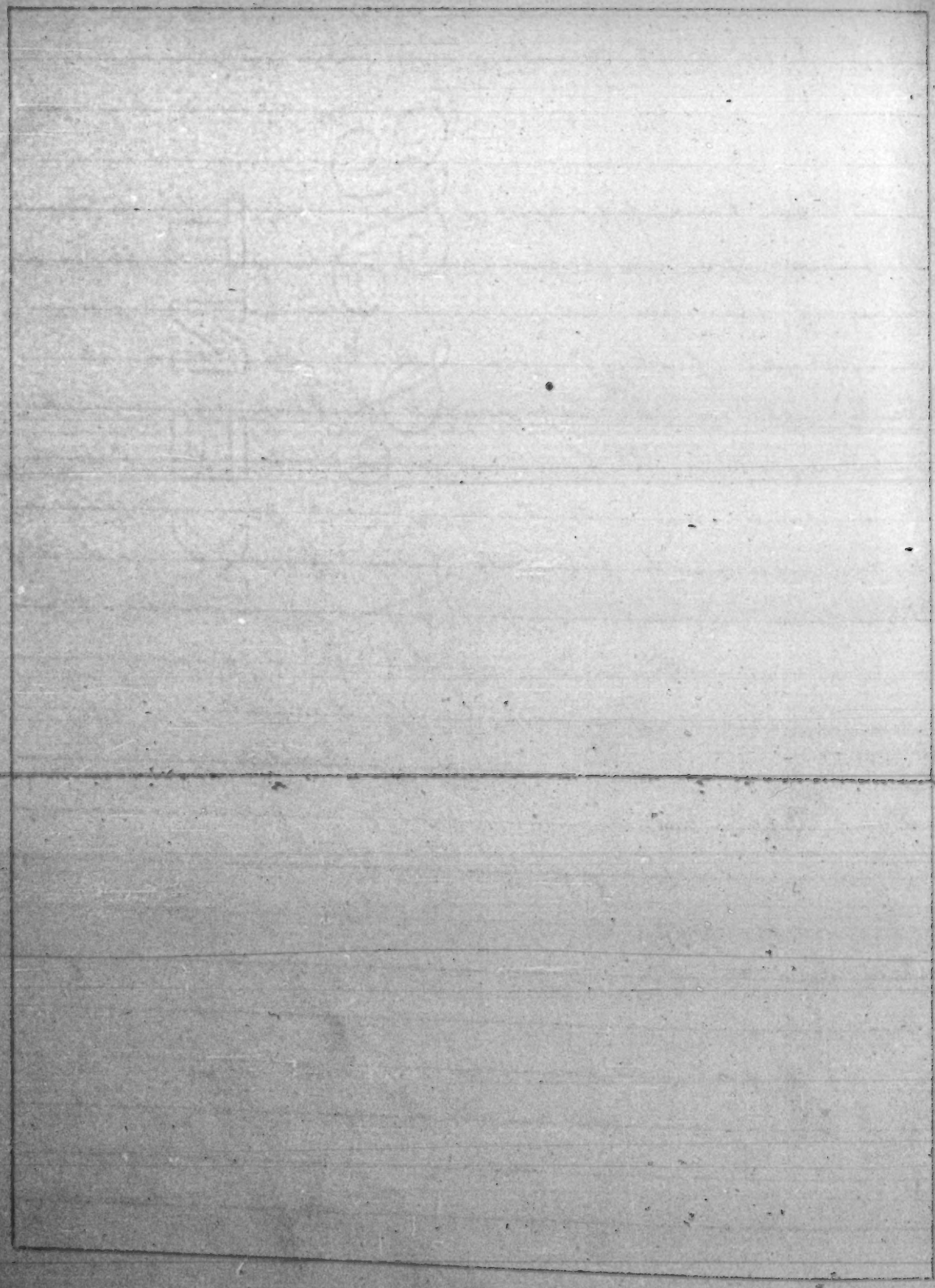
Your most humble Servant

J Burchett

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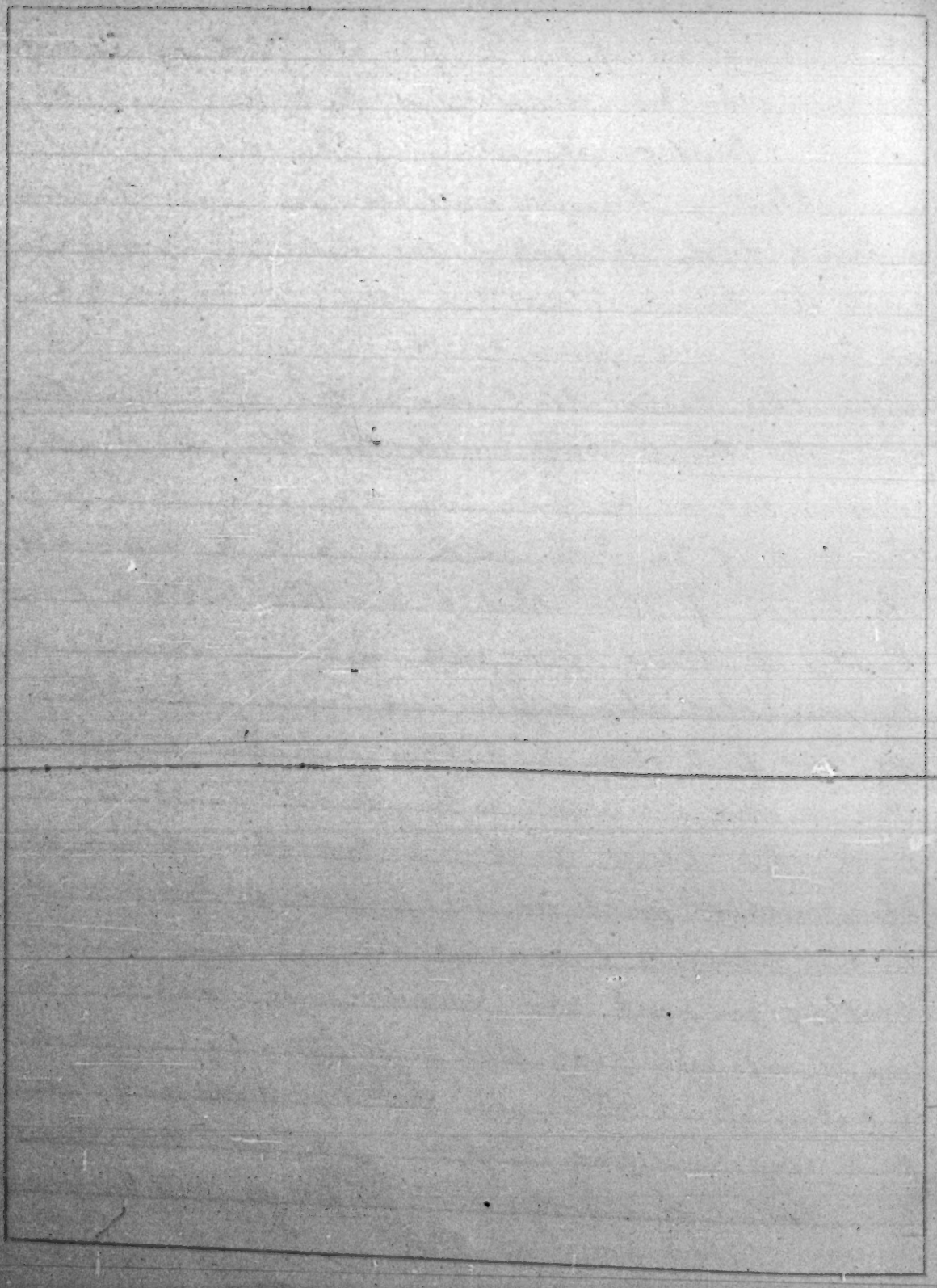
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Extract



Extract of a Letter from Mr Blakeway Judge of the Vice Admiralty of South Carolina to Mr Burchett, dated the 9th of May 1720

About a Fortnight since arrived in this Harbour a French Sloop, belonging to the Mississippi Company, which about Ten French Soldiers had obliged the Master to bring in here, as will appear by the inclosed Declaration under the Masters hand, this is the second Desertion from the French Settlements to this Place by Sea, tho it often happens by Land from their Forts, which lye on the back of us, I have taken pains to be informed of the reason of their deserting and find that it is a Country of Misery, where their is neither Money, nor Provisions, that they are promised wonders before they go out, and find them in Nubibus, and that the constraint there is upon the people makes them take any Method to get their Liberty, for when a Man once gets amongst them, nothing purchases his freedom, for can never get leave to return to France; but the principal reason of my troubling you with this Account is that their Lordships may be informed that they have fallen on a Method of making Naval Stores and that for three years last past they have made Pitch and Tar, and that they have resolved to improve such usefull commodities, and have



have already settled four Plantations with fifty Negroes on each to carry on that Work, of what Consequence this may in time be to Great Britain is humbly submitted to their Lordships Consideration.

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Je soubsigne Capitain du Bateau de la Compagnie le Cher, certifye avoir partie de la Riviere du Missi-sippie par ordre de Monsieur De Bienville Gouverneur pour allez Charger des vivres a bord du Vaisseaux nommez le Chameau, qui y etoit aussi en Riviere pour porter les dits vivres a la Mobille, et y charger le braye et quedron qu'il y auroit a me donnez, et au Retour de la Mobille faisant routes pour aller au Biloxy charger quelque peu de bordage qui y eut, pour transporter a la Balise, Jenray été obligez de mouiller á Isle d'Auphine ou Massacre par un gros vent d'Oss, et y etant mouillez le Commandant de la dite Isle seroit venue a bord avec le Sieur Renaud habitant, et aprez y avoir beu et mangé le Commandant donna ordre au Sieur Renaud de dire au Sergeant d'envoyer six Soldats a bord bien armé qui sont arrivez le même Jour 21e et etant a bord ils auroient demandez à leur Commandant ce qu'il avoit à leurs commander, il leurs a repondu qu'il n'avoit rien, et qu'ils avoient que coucher sur le pont et que luy couchoit a bord, et moy ayant pris les armes des Soldats pour mettre dans la Chambre, le Lendemain matin 27e de Mars 1724 les Soldats

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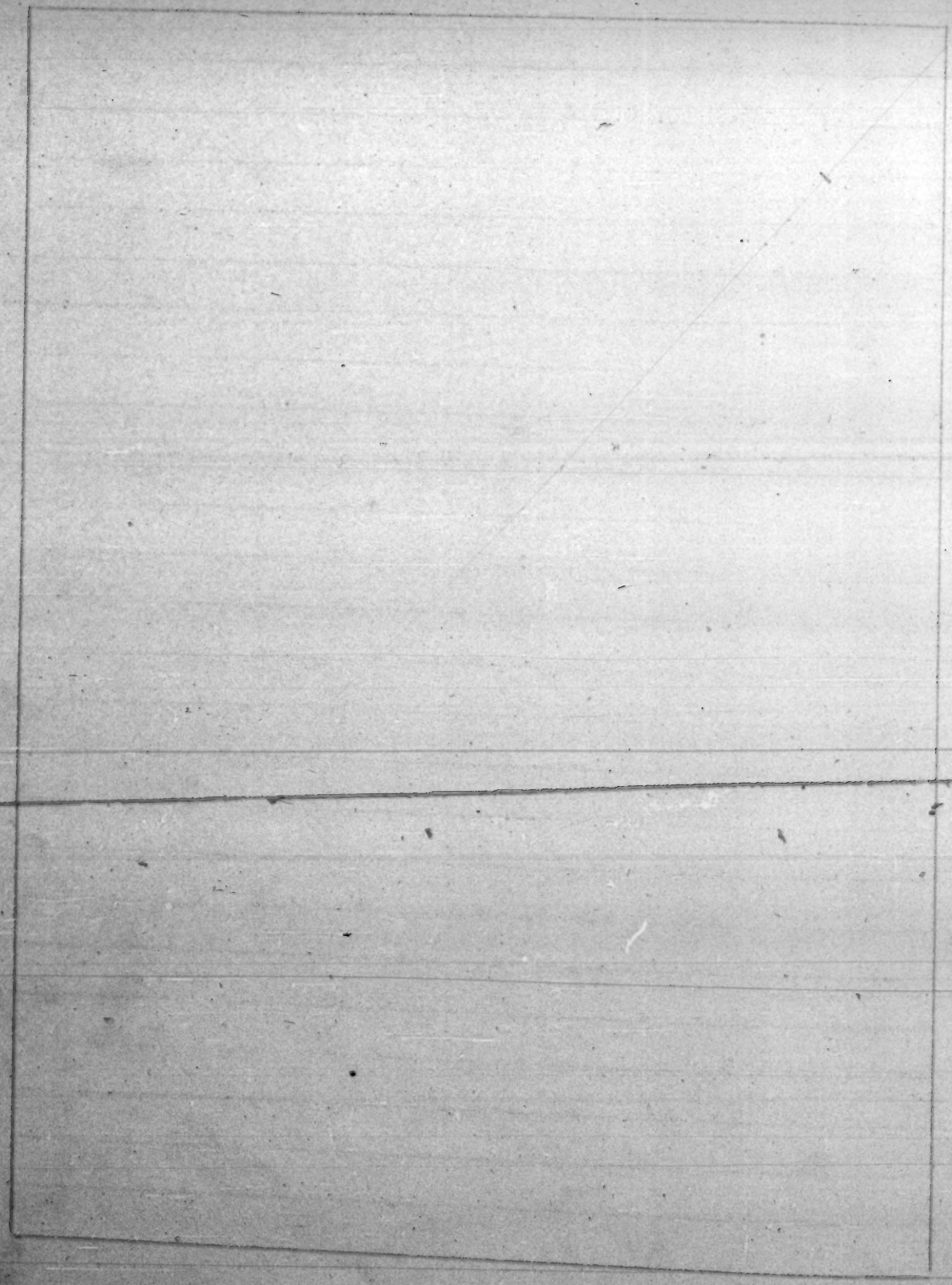


vinrent a la porte de la Chambre demander leurs Armes a leur Commandant, c'est ce qu'il leur fit donner, aussie tot qu'ils eurent leurs Armes a la Main je voulu mettre la tête dans le Contille pour monter en haut, ils m'arrêterent dans ma Chambre, aussi bien que leur Commandant, qui y etoit aussi, et mes gens qu'ils avoient deja arrêté dans la Chambre d'avant aussi ils se mirent deux à me garder dans ma Chambre, et deux à garder mon Equipage, et deux autres s'en furent à terre prendre leurs Effets et leurs Camarades, tellement qui sont venu a bord au nombre de neuf Soldats et un Matelots, et apres ils ont fait aller leurs Commandant à terre avec un de mes gens, un passager, et une passagere, que j'avois, avec une Sauvagesse, pour la nouvelle Orleans et aussi tot m'ont fait mettre a la Voile et quand nous avons été hors de Listlet au grand Gosier, ils m'ont dit de faire route pour la Jamaique, et qu'etant hors le Canal de Bahama les dits Soldats m'auroient dit de faire route pour la Caroline fait a Charles Town le 27e Avril vieux Stile 1724 de plus je declare le nombre de 71 Barrils et 42 graisse de Braye que j'ai a bord et que j'avois chargé a la Mobille pour

pour

porter a bord du Vaisseau le Chameau le dit
Jour et An que dessus

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Charles Town July ye 17th 1724

Honble Sir

I am heartily Sorry you had the trouble of coming down hither, and not meeting His Maty Hon.ble Council to Finish what Wee talked about and then designed to doe but that Wee may have the less trouble when Wee meet (God Willing) on Tuesday next The Hon.ble mr Sec.y Hart will deliver you this with the Rough of wt Wee was talking of therefore I desire you will prepair Somecthing accordingly to be Sent to Great Brittain and the Two Hon.ble Gentlemen Your Neighbours will assist you therein

I am very Sorry that I cant meet you this time for I have So much buisness to doe here I am in hopes that Capt Cocm may be arrived before Tuesday next So that Wee may have a full account of Our Affairs & after Hoocky is Sailed (which I Suppose may be a Wednesday or Thursday at Farthest, I may doe my Self the honour of Seeing you all at Gorse Creek In the interim I remain.

Your most affectionate Friend & Faithfull humble Servt

I Nicholson

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I hope the Honble Coll Chicken will be wth you and draw up a just and full Stat^{t} of the Indian Trade &c that it may be Sent to Great Brittain

To the Honble Arthur Middleton
Ralph Izard
Benj^{a} Schenkingh^{o} } Esq^{rs} of His Maj^{ties} Council

July ye 21st 1724

May it Please Yo^{r} Excellency

I am favoured wth yours by Mr Secty Hart & having Communicated the contents thereof to my Honble Neighbours desiring their assistance who upon duly considering the Import of Yours are of Opinion wth my Self that to draw up a full and true State of the Province soe as to have the same represented home as it ought by y^{r} Excellency and the Councill will require a long^{r} time to adjust them what Your Excellency proposes.

As to what relates to the Trade of this Colony in Its Several Branches and how and after what mann^{r} it may affect Great Brittain Our Merchants are best able to represent and Wee humbly propose to Yo^{r} Excellency that Mr Hill and others be desired to State the same and Wee make noe

doubt

doubt upon Yo^r Excellencys recommending it to them they will readily undertake itt.

The Great inconvenience this Settlement Labours under By the Land Office not being open Wee have Recommended to Mr Sec^y Hart who Wee beleive will feelingly represent that Grewance He being Soe great a Sufferer by itt

Wee entirely agree wth Your Excellency that if Some means cannot be found to hind^r Vessells from New York trading wth the French at Movile it will be of Fatall Consequence to this Province therefore that affair to be Represented in the Strongest Light

If Your Excellency will be pleased to cause a draught to be got ready, Setting forth the State of the Province Wee shall give our attendance whenever Your Excellency shall think proper to make such alterations and additions wth advising Your Excellency as shall be thought necessary I am

Your Excellencys

most Obedient & very humble Servant

Ar: Middleton

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May it please Your Excellency

In obedience to Your Excellencys commands I went to Goose Creek and delivered the Letter you was pleased to give me, to Mr Middleton, Mr Izard and Mr Schenckingh, three of the Gent. men of His Maj.ts hon.ble Council, who upon perusal of the Same together with the rough draught that was sent, in order to prepare something truly to represent the state of this Province, with its Trade to Great Britain came to the following Resolutions, as appears by their Letter dated July the 21st which I now deliver to your Excellency, and would willingly waited on Your Excellency, but the great droughts they have lately had, and the Rains that have fallen these two days has had an effect upon some of their healths and those that are well necessity obliges them to attend their Crops, in this Season.

Therefore for these reasons humbly begs of Your Excellency to postpone their attendance for some time longer I am

July the 21st 1724

Your Excellencys

Most Obedient & humn Servt

Chas Hart

To His Exr the Govr

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South Carolina Charles Towne July 21st 1724

A List of Vessells now In the Harbour Bound for Great Brittaine

Nº	Vessells Names	Masters Names	Tuns
1	Ship Samuell	John Pike	120
2	Ship Grayhound	Edward Halden	100
3	Ship Carolina Pagt	Robert Palmer	45
4	Ship Ruby	James Craige	100
5th	Pink Eliz Magt	William Hanney	160
6	Pink Alexandr	John King	100
7	Pink Carteret	John Heal for Provdr & London	80
8	Pink True Love	Robert Pearson	150
9	Pink Sea Nymph	William Rennells	50
10	Snow Beginning	John Stevens	40
11	Brigg America	Thomas Marshall	50
12	Brigg Ruby	Nicholas Ridgell	50

Wm Hammerton Naval Officer

Recd Sepr 8th
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(22 July 1724.)

My Lord,

Since what We had the Honour to write to your Grace, of the 23rd of April last, concerning the Complaint of the Sieur Couturier, We have received a Letter from the Agent of South Carolina, who informs us, that a Merchant lately arrived from thence, brings advice that the said Couturier was under Confinement at the Marshall's House in Charles Town, And that the reason given for such Confinement, was because he came away from the French Settlement of Moville, with two French Men, & two Indians, without any Pass from the Governor, as is usual for Persons to have, who come to that Country from the French or Spanish Settlements.

And that General Nicholson confined him untill he could be inform'd of the true reason of his leaving the French Settlement, appreheading he might come to tempt away the Slaves from the Inhabitants, or upon some other ill Design.

This is what We thought proper to inform your Grace of, 'till We can hear further from the Governor in answer to our Letter upon the Complaint

transmitted

transmitted to Us by your Grace. We are,

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle

My Lord,

Your Grace's

Most Obedient and

Most humble Servants

Westmorland.

J. Chetwynd.

J. Dodminique

J. Pelham.

R. Plumer

Whitehall

July 22nd 1724.

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Charles Town South Carolina July the 26th 1720

May it please Yor Lordp.

Accoarding to my Duty I wrote to Yor Lordps
y. 18th of June last & Sent Duplicates thereof both
which I hope Yor Lordps have or will receive.

I herewith humbly Transmitt to Yor Lordps
a list of Twelve Gent fitt to Serve in his Maty
Honble Council by the Minute of Council Your
Lordp may please to See they are named by the Hon.
Members of His Majty Council I most humbly begg
Yor Lordp Pardon for not Transmitting Such an
Accot before but I have found the People so variable
that I durst not presume to Send to Yor Lordp
the Names of any Gent before

I have not Yet gott all the Journals of
Our late Assembly but I hope to Send them by
the Honble Capt William Martin Comandr of his
Maty Ship Blanford and that he will Sail in
Ten days or a fortnight

I herewith Transmitt to Yor Lordps the
Council Address and my Answer to them as likewise
the Copy of my Letter to Arthur Middleton Esq
first of his Maty Honble Council with his Answer
to

to me & my Sec.y Hunts letter to me. and I Shall endeavour to have a Meeting of his Ma.ty Hon.ble Councell before Capt Martin Sails in Order to Send Yo.r Lordp.s an Acct of Our Proceedings I herewith Send Yo.r Lordp.s Wm Hamerton Esq.r My Naval Offrs List of Ships & Vessels as likewise another of those left here by which Yo.r Lordp.s may please to See the State of Our Trade I think the last Yarr for Great Brittain is now Shipped because the Bounty Expires y.e 29th of Septemb.r next but we are uncertain when that upon Pitch Expires whether next January or next Jan.y come Twelve Monthes.

I thank God the Countrys now very healthy and We have had of late rains and very Seasonable Weather So that We have a Good Prospect of Our Crops both Rice and Indian Corn.

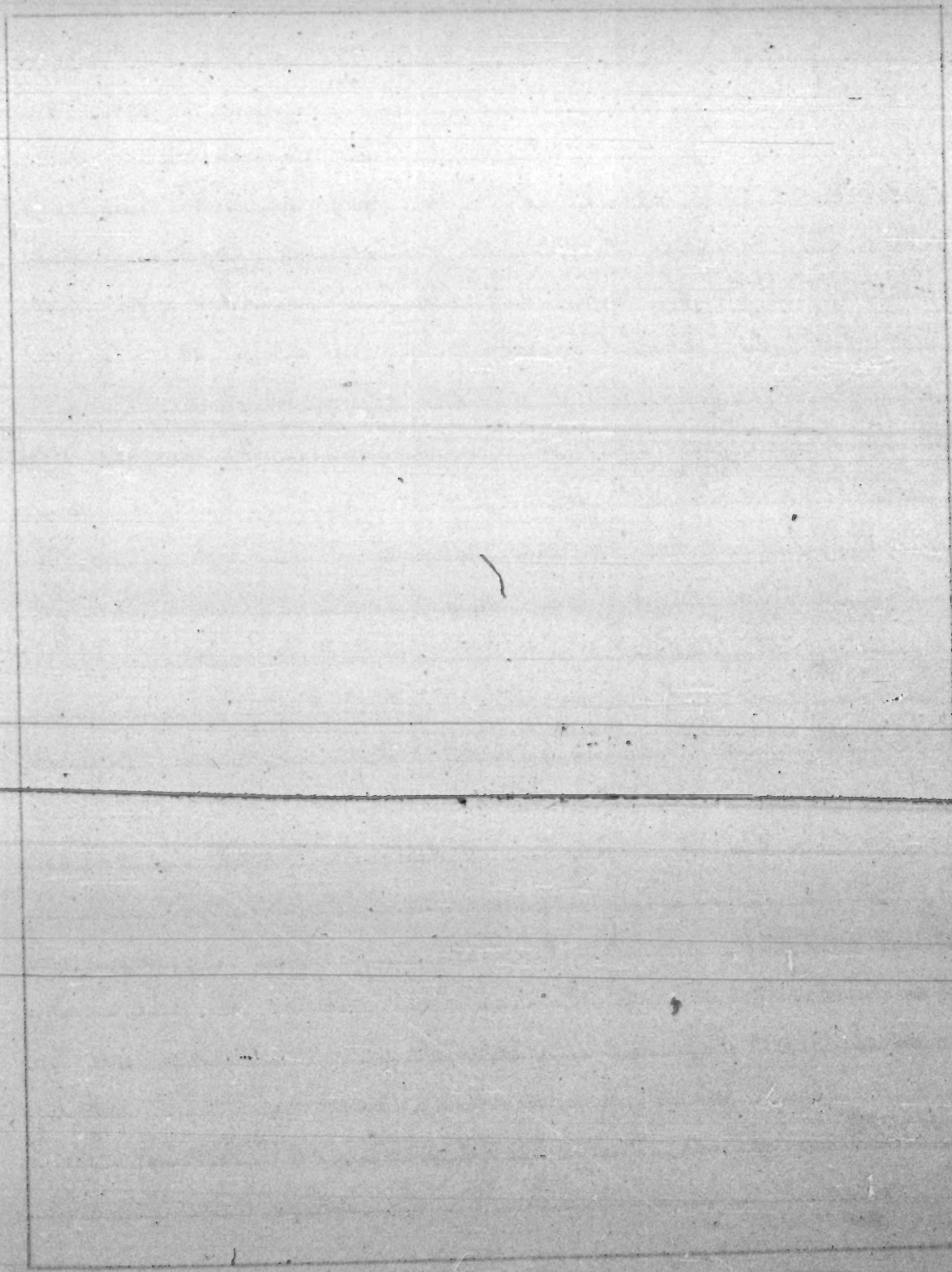
We are dayly in hopes of a Ship from London by which I hope We Shall have Good News from Great Brittain in all respects and that I Shall have the Hon.r to Receive Yo.r Lordp.s Comands which Shall be duely Observed by

Yo.r Lordp.s Most Obed.t

& Hon.ble Lords of Trade: and Faithfull humble Serv.t

Recd Septem.r 8th 1720
Read Octob.r 29th 1720

Jn Nicholson



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Charles Town South carolina Aug.st 5.th 1724

May it please your Lordships

This is designed (God willing) by y.e Hon.ble Capt. William Martin Comand.r of his Maj.ty Ship y.e Blanford with this I humbly Transmitt to Yo.r Lordp.s Two Journals viz.t of the Upper House of Assembly from June y.e 2.d to the 17.th 1724 and of y.e Comons House of Assembly from y.e 2.d Day of June 1720 Yo.r Lordps may please to see that the Upper House of Assembly were of Opinion That the Assembly Ended the 17.th but by y.e Lower it Ended the 16.th and by the Journal Yo.r Lordp.s may See the reasons thereof & That Yo.r Lordp.s may Determine whither his Ma.ty.s Hon.ble Council and my Self or y.e Comons were in the Right I herewith Send Yo.r Lordp.s a Copy of the Election Act

This last Sessions We have for y.e most part found that the Lower House have very Strangely Acted (and in my humble Opinion like Comon Wealth men) Assuming to make Resolutions &c without the Consent of his Ma.ty Hon.ble Council or my Self nay even without Our Advice and with Submission to Yo.r Lordps I think this will plainly appear by y.e Two Journalls

I herewith humbly Transmitt to Yo.r Lordp.s

Some

Some Extracts from the Journals they are upon all Occasions Insisting on their Old Priviledges as they call it in ye Proprietors Time Some of which I think very Inconsistent with the Kings Government.

I was in hopes before this to have had a General Meeting of his Mats Council in Order to have given Yor Lordp a Just and full Accot of all Our Affairs but it being the busiest Time of the Year for their Crops and it having pleased God that Some Rains and Storms have been of late wch I am afraid hath done Some Damage to their Crops for which reasons I believe I shall not be able to gett a meeting of his Mats Council in less then Ten days or a fortnight but I am in hopes that by the later End of this Month a Ship or Two will Sail from hence to Great Brittain and to have the Honr by them to Send to Yor Lordp the Accot of Affairs &c In ye Intrim I begg leave to Assure Yor Lordp that

I am with all Sincerity

Yor Lordps Most Obliged Obdt and

(The Lords of Trade) Lichfull humble Servt

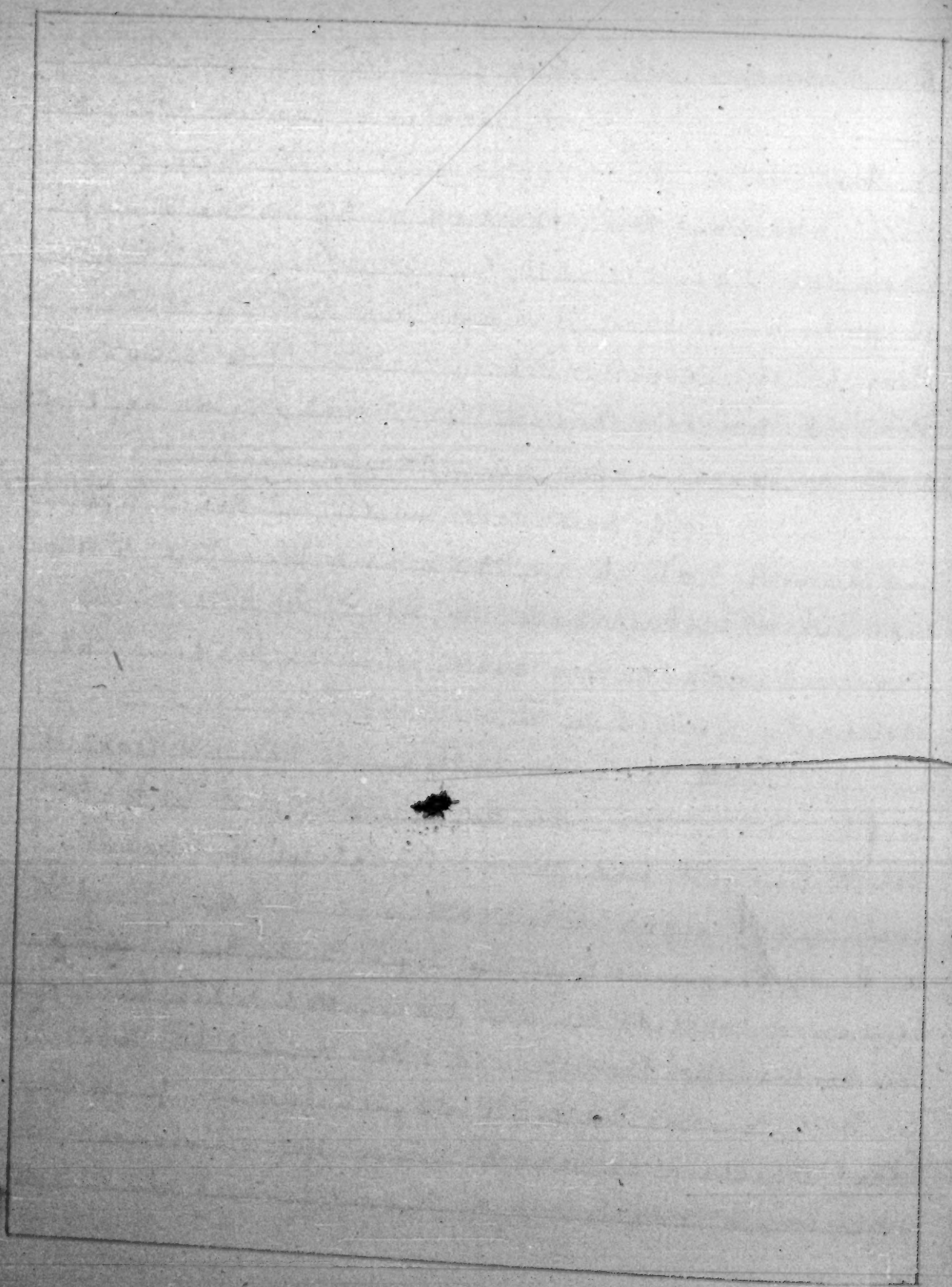
Fr: Nicholson

P.S. By this is a Duplicate of mine to Yor Lordp of the 30th of ye last Month and I herewith Transmitt to

to Yo. Lordpe Alexr Parris Esq. Treasurer his Accot
And to have the Good fortune of hearing that what
I Transmit to Yo. Lordpe may be Satisfactory to Yo.
Lordpe will be Most Acceptable to

I. A.

Recd 27th Octo. 1724
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S. Carolina Augt ye 8th 1724.

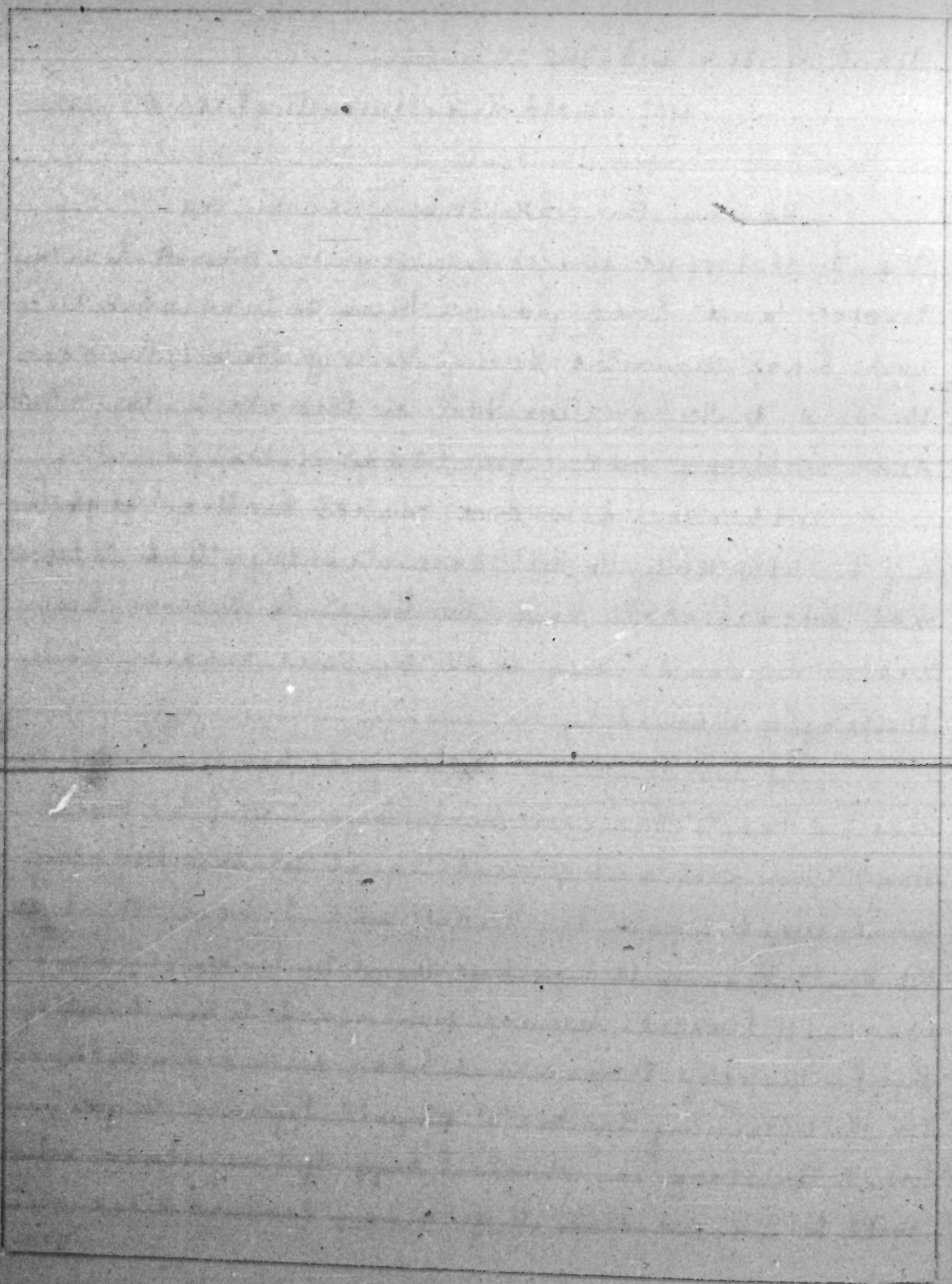
Honble Sr

Having this Opportunity by his Mats ship Blanford I can't omitt Paying you my most hearty Respects and pray give me leave to Congratulate your being appointed Deputy Secry of State to his Grace the Lord Duke of Newcastle so that all his Majts Govts will be happy under your administracon.

I would have done myself the Honr of paying my humble Duty to his Grace and begg him to believe that when I shall have the Honr to Receive his Graces Comands they shall be most readily and Willingly Obeyed by me.

If his Grace is willing to have an Acct of this his Majts Province Yonge Esqr One of his Mats Honble Council and present Agent for this Country will wait upon his Grace and I have Writ to the Honble Kingsmill Eyre Esqr Agent for his Mats Indepdt Company of Invalids here and transmitted to him Accots of this his Majestys Province and I have desired him to Solicit for the Obtaining his Mats Royall Lycence to goe for Great Brittain in which I begg yor assistance which will be an adition to ye many favours receed from

you



Now by him who is

yor most Affectionate Friend
and faithfull Humble Servant
Fr. Nicholson

P.S. I desire youll please to give the Humblest of my service to yor Good Lady & Family and when Please God I arrive in London I Design to wait upon them and to have the Honr of Presenting them with some Indian and other things of this Country and that all Joy with a perfect state of health and Prosperity in all respects may attend them are the Hopes of

F. N.

B. P. R. O. Carolina Propriety B. 2 vol 5 p. 165

To

14 August 1724

The Right Honble Lord Carlton

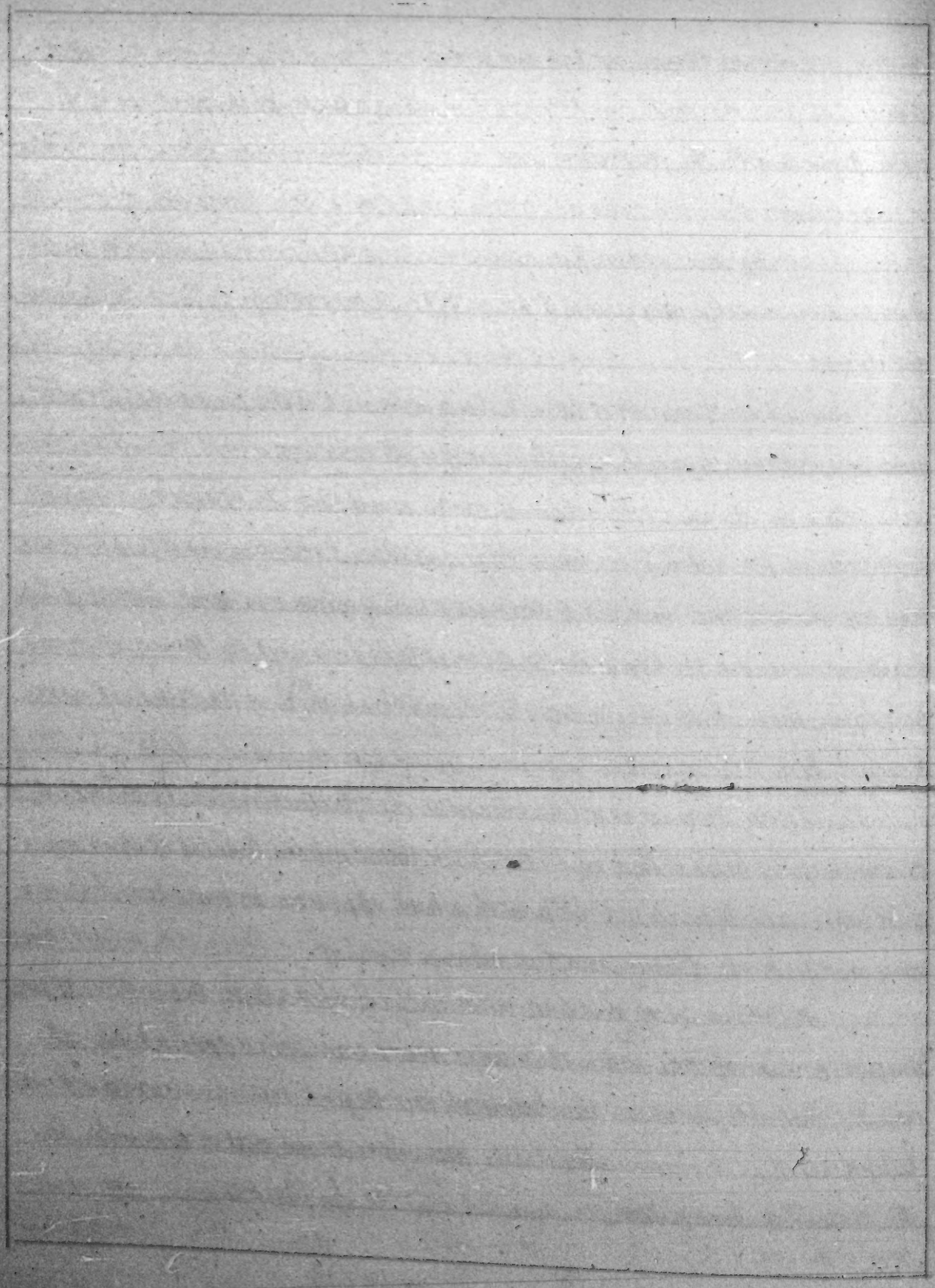
My Lord

The Duke of Beaufort is one of the Lords Proprietors of Carolina by Virtue of a Charter granted in 1663 to several persons of Qualitie and others and from that time till the year 1720 they have exercised the Powers thereby granted to them & particularly that of appointing Governors of South as well as North Carolina and they are still in possession of their appointing a Governor of North Carolina

But in the year 1720 when many Patentees used the Powers granted by Letters Patent to illegal purposes there were several Writs of Scire Facias issued against them and it happened that some needy Tumultuous persons in South Carolina at that time forced the Proprietors Governor out of the Government and set up another whom they called the Kings Governor, and then applied to the Regency by a Representation signed by about six persons in which were many false insinuations and inectives against the Proprietors Government which complaints I believe had never been made had not the Arrears of Quit rents and other dues been very considerable which they were so weak to imagine a Governor from the Crown would discharge them of

The Province of South Carolina was by these means brought into some confusion and the Planters and Traders there under some apprehension of insults from the Indians. and therefore the Regency (to prevent at that juncture those Inconveniencys) were pleased to order that a Commission should issue to appoint Mr Nicholson a Provisional Governor till those

complaints



Complaints should be enquired into and settled and I must observe to your Lordship that at that time the South Sea Directors had set up a treaty for the purchase of the whole province from the Proprietors and hastened the prosecution against their Charter in order to lessen their demands and at the same time a Scire Facias was directed to be brought against our Charter but none was ever issued out or any further proceeding had and by His Majestys Act of Grace in 1721 all proceedings of that kind were determined

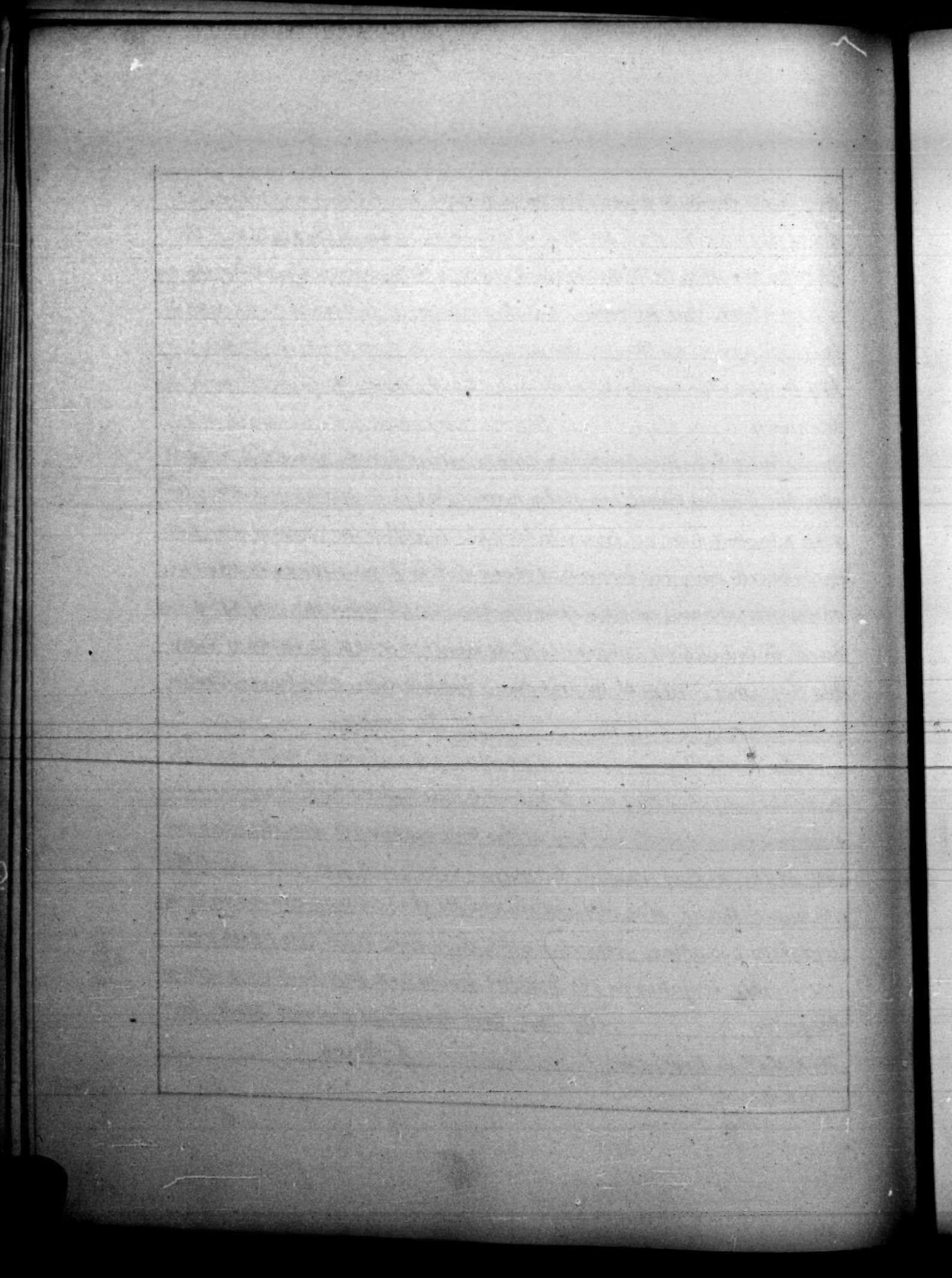
But yet the Proprietors have hitherto submitted to the Provisional Governor who has behaved himself in such a manner that the Proprietors since Mr Nicolsons going to Carolina have not been able to receive any of their Quit Rents or other just dues accrued since his Government or any of their former arrears all which are very considerable and as to his Administration as Governor your Lordship has heard in Council the Complaints of the Merchants and the Board of Trade has many more before them and I am informed there is an order of Council to recall him

The Lords Proprietors are now considering of a Memorial to be presented to His Majesty that they may be restored to their Antient Right of appointing a Governor and I could not help at this time applying to your Lordship not only on the Duke of Beauforts but my own behalf and I perswade mypelf that our request therein is so just and reasonable that we may depend on your Lordships assistance when the matter shall come before you which will lay a great obligation on the Beaufort family and shall be always acknowledged by

My Lord, Your Lordships most obed^{t} humble Servt

J. Berke

The Rt Honble the Lord Carlton
Secr^{s} of His Maj^{ts} Council



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August 1724

A Caveat that no Governor should be appointed without their Lordships notice.

By virtue of an authority to me given by the Lords proprietors I do hereby humbly pray on their behalf that no Commission may be issued for a provisional Governor for the Province of South Carolina till their Lordˢʰᵖ shall be acquainted therewith by notice to me their Secretary: To the end they may be heard touching their right to appoint a Governor which by their Charter they are Impowered to do and have from the year One thousand six hundred and sixty three to the year One thousand seven hundred and Twenty enjoyed without intermission This being the day of August One thousand seven hundred and twenty four

Ri: Shelton.

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Fulham Aug: 11. 1724

My Lords

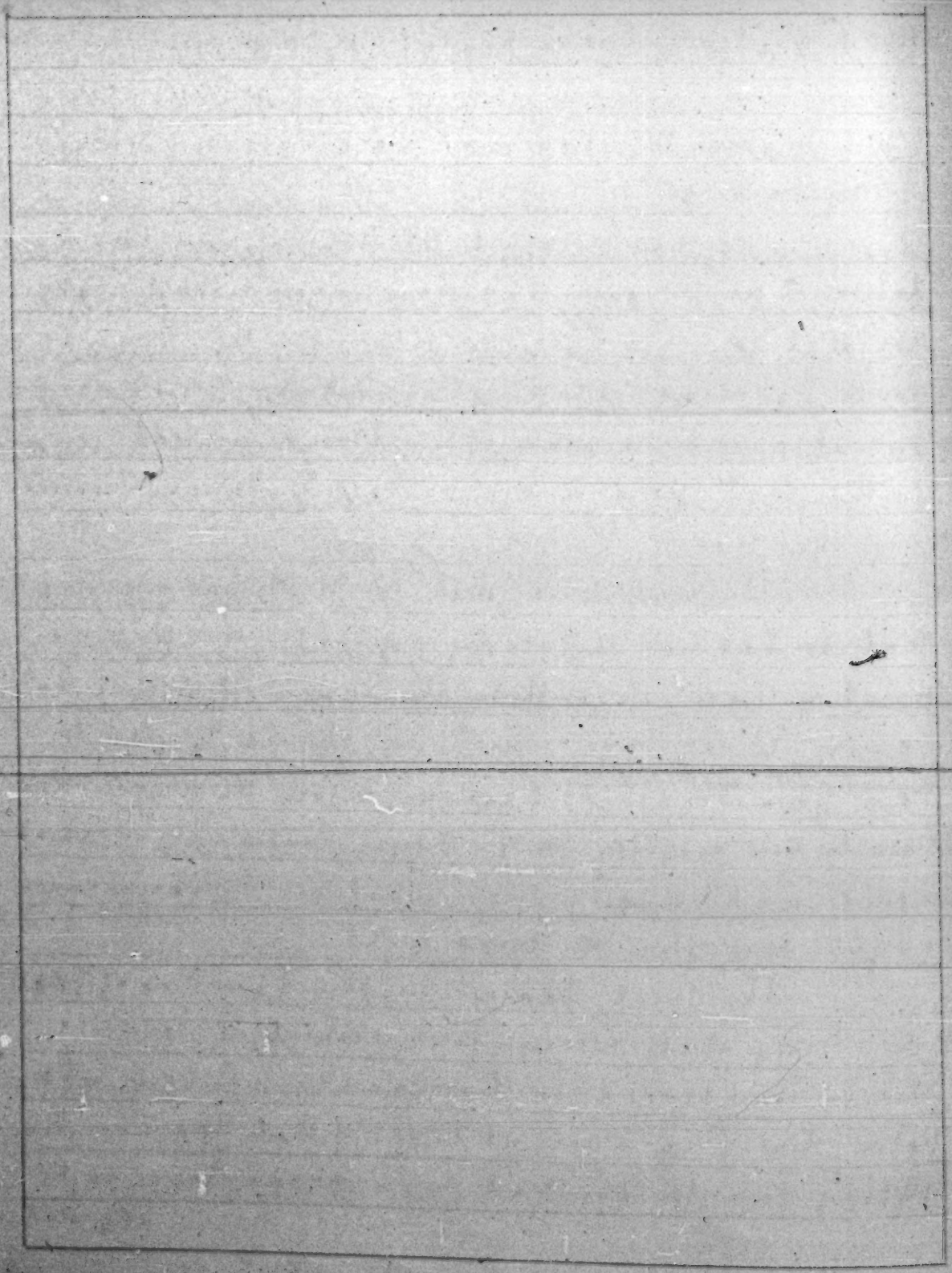
Having understood that your Lordships have had under your consideration an Act for enlarging the Salaries of the Clergy in South Carolina, and that Mr West has reported that he has no objection against it; I desire the favour of your Lordships to give it all the dispatch that the nature of the thing will admitt, by which you will much oblige.

My Ld.

Your Lordships very faithful, friend and Servt

Edm. London

Recd } 20th Augt 1724
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(20th Aug. 1734.)

To the Rt. Reverend Lord Bishop of London.

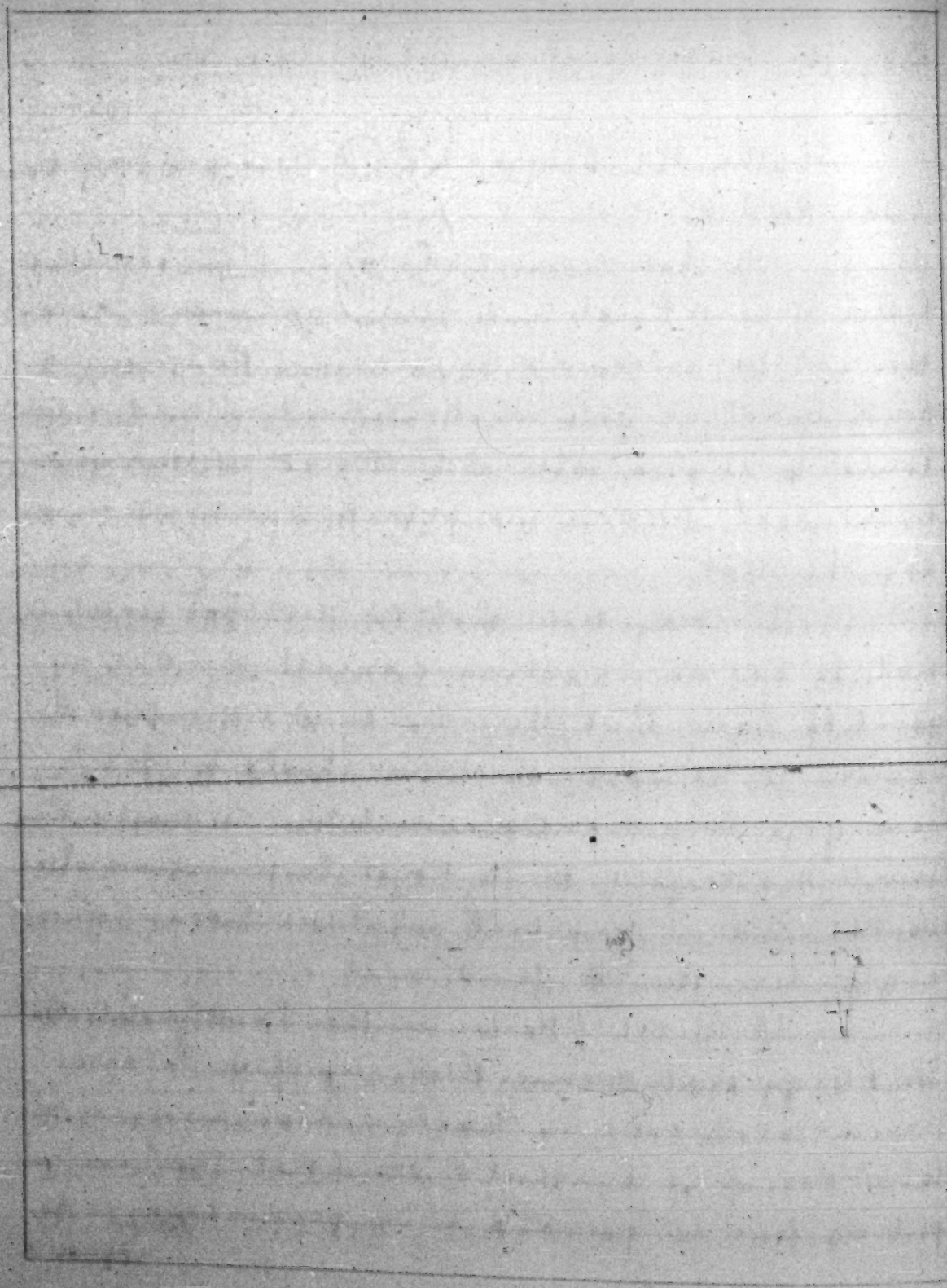
My Lord,

We have received the Honr. of your Lordship's Letter of the 18th inst. and have, as you desired, taken the Act for enlarging the Salaries of the Clergy in South Carolina, into our consideration, And as your Lordship is a member of this Board, we send you, with great freedom our private Sentiments concerning this Act.

'Tis very true, that Mr West has reported that he has no Objection against this Act in point of Law: But there are some difficulties that occur to us upon which we should be glad to have your Lordship's Opinion, before We propose this Law to His Majesty for his Royal Confirmation, which would make it perpetual, whatever Inconveniences might hereafter be found in it.

The first Clause in this Law Enacts "that "the Clergy shall receive their respective Salaries "therein mentioned, in Proclamation money or the "Value thereof in Current Bills of that Province, com-"puting four for one, and so in proportion, to be

adjusted



"adjusted once a year by the Church Commissrs" if "need be".

The meaning of this Clause must probably have been, that the Bills of Credit of that Province were then at 75 ℔ Cent Discount, and Consequently that £400 Bills of Credit were equal to £100 Proclamation Money. But we have Reason to apprehend that the Discount upon these Bills may now or in future times be greater than when this Act was passed in Carolina, in which case the Clergy would find themselves in a worse condition than they were before the passing of this Act. For three sevl Laws passed in the year 1706, 1712, and 1717, so far as they relate to the Salaries of the Clergy, are by this new Act intended to be vacated and annull'd. And it remains a very great doubt with us, whether the words (and so in proportion to be adjusted once a year, by the Church Commissioners if need be) will be sufficient to impower those Commissioners, to order a greater Number of the Bills to be issued, if they should be at a greater discount than 75 ℔ Cent.

The are likewise very great powers given by the 6th Clause of this Act, to Church wardens and five Vestrymen for making Assessments for the poor

poor, and levying the same by Distress by their own Warrants, without the Concurrence of one Single Justice of the Peace, which Clause being Foreign to the Title of the Bill, is contrary to the Governour's 15th Instruct.

There are also great Informalities in this Act, particularly in the two last Clauses where the Titles of three other Laws intended in the whole or in part to be repealed, are so Imperfectly described, that in all probability they will still remain in force.

This, My Lord, is the State of this Matter, and we should have sent you a Copy of the Act but that the person who brought your Letter, assured us your Lordship had one. Be pleased to Consider of it, and let us have your Lordship's Opinion concerning it, and you may depend upon finding us always ready to concur with your Lordp in anything that may prove of real advantage to the Clergy.

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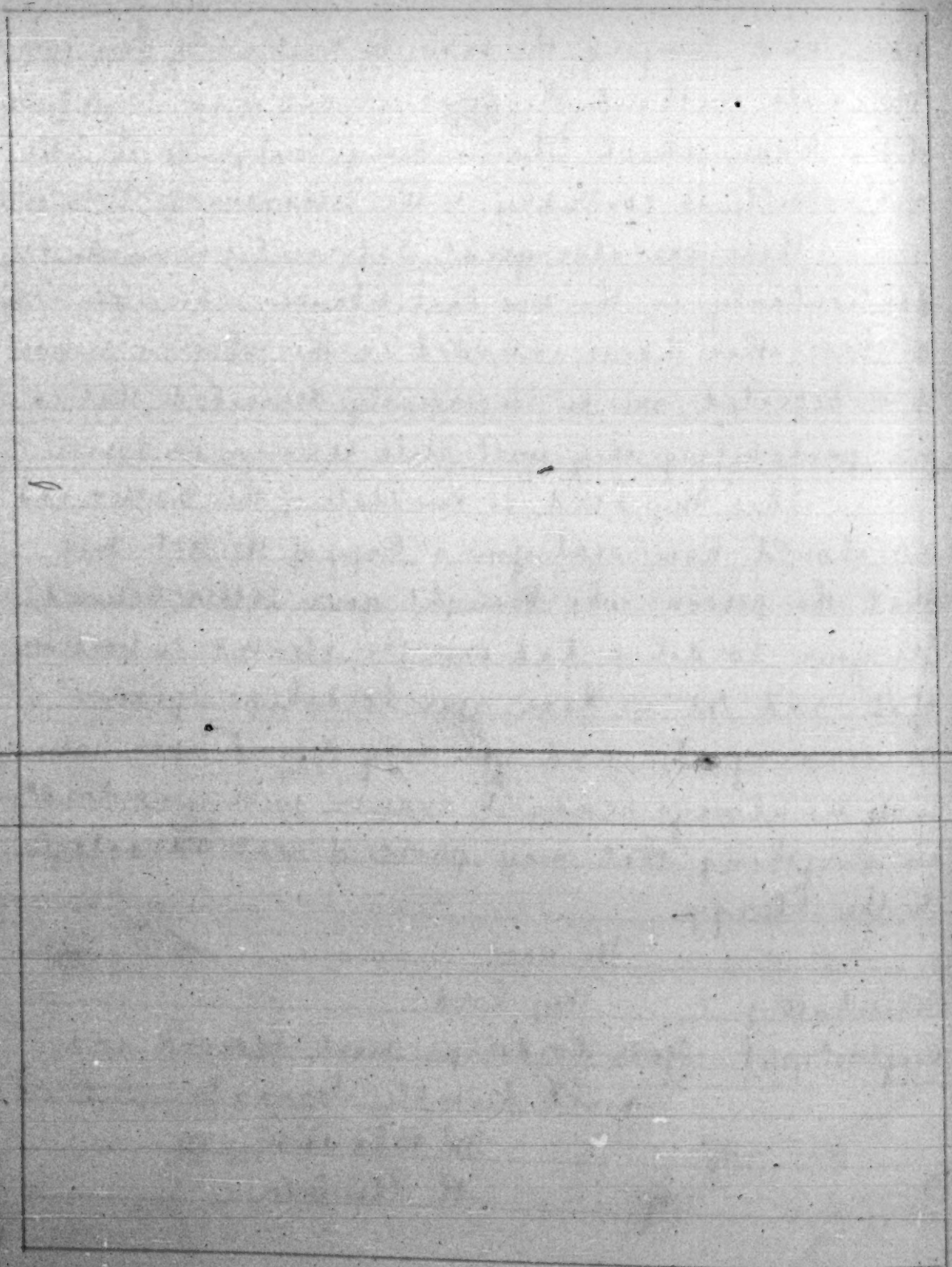
My Lord

Your Lordship's most obedient and most humble Servants

M. Bladen

R. Plumer

Whitehall
Augt 20th 1724



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(22nd August 1724)

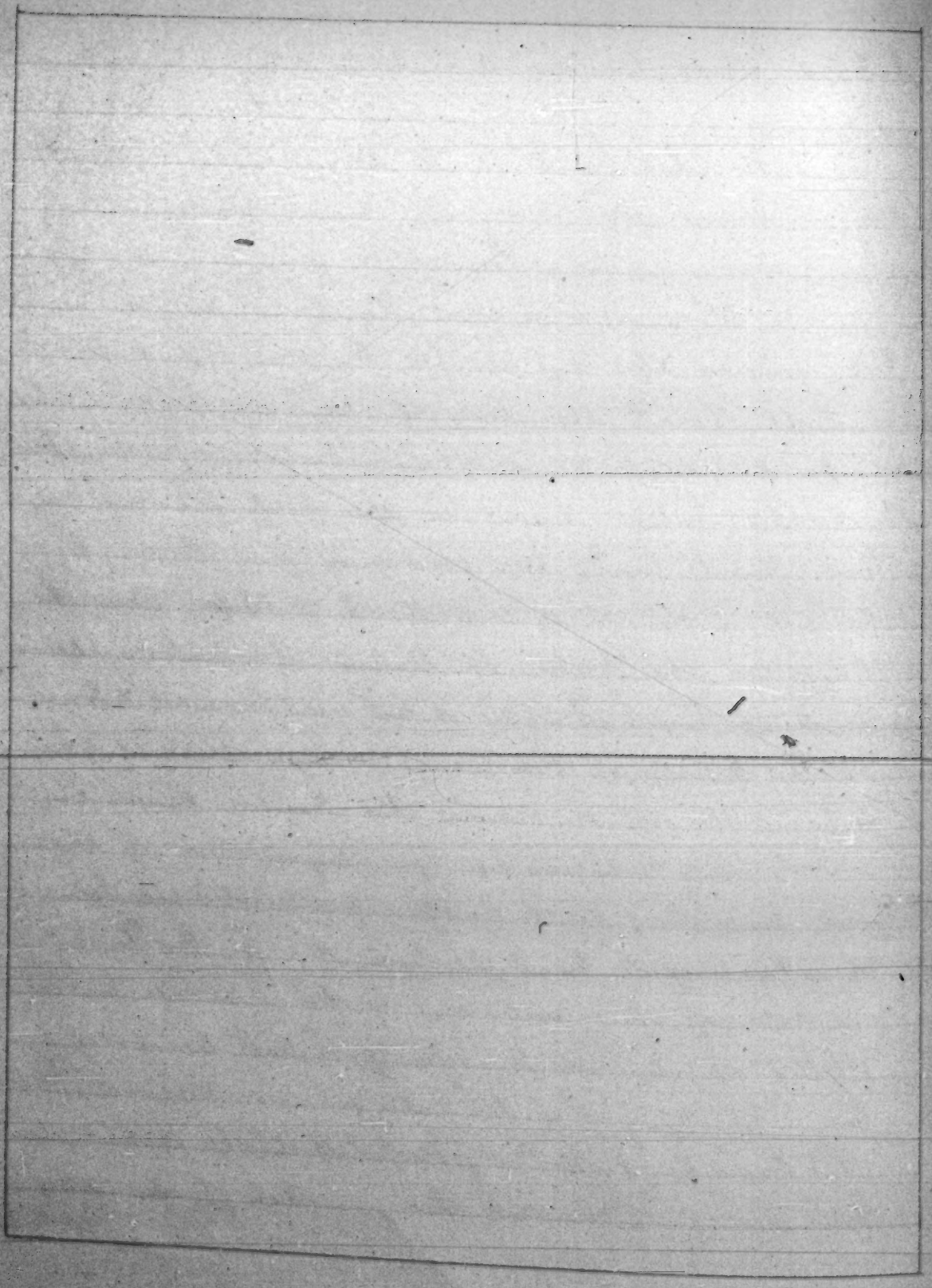
At the Court at Windsor the 22nd day of August 1724

Present

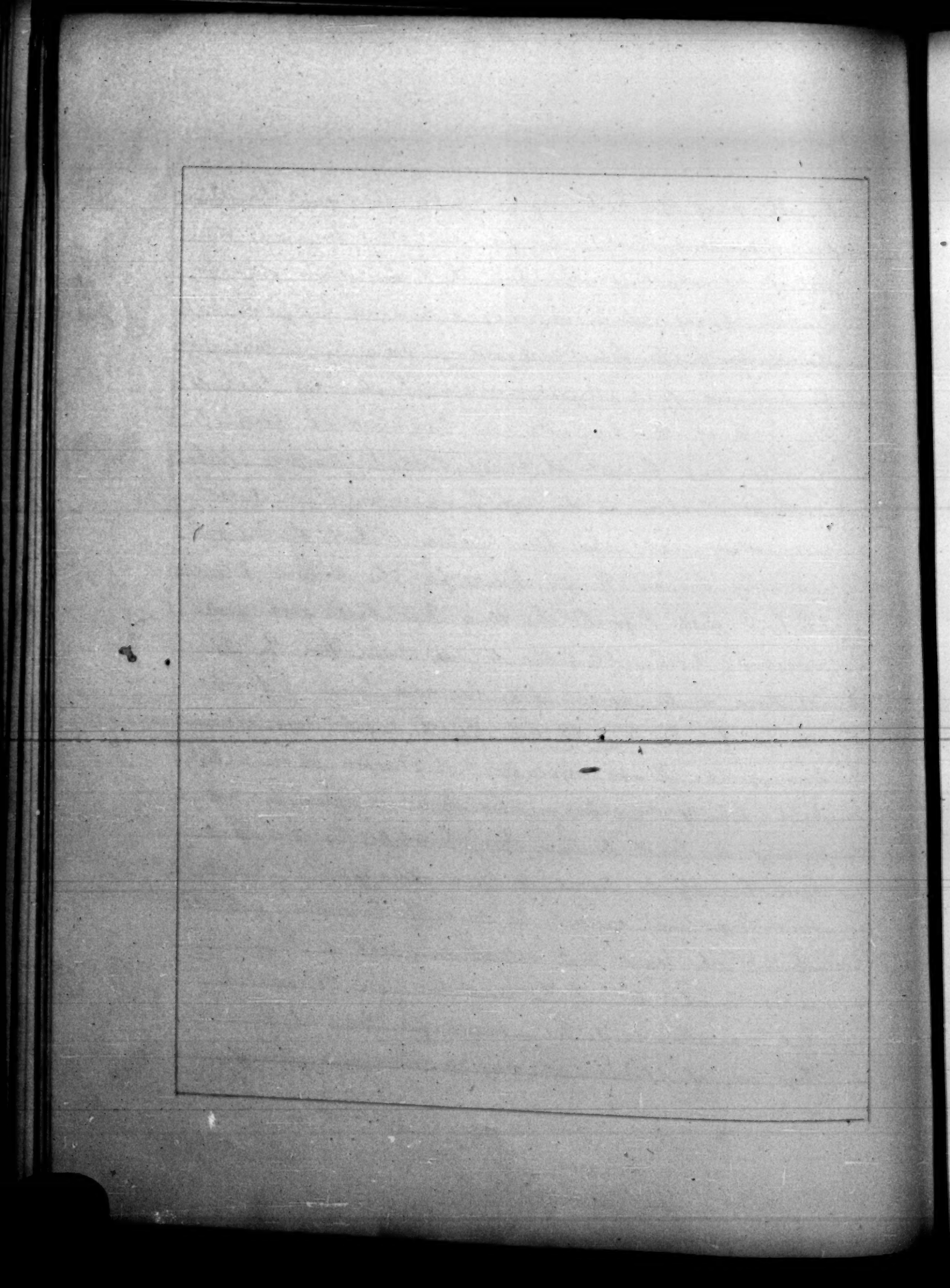
The Kings most Excellent Majesty in Councill

Upon reading this day at the Board a Report from the Right Honble the Lords of the Committee for hearing Appeales Complaints &c from the Plantations Dated the 7th of this Instant August in the Words following Viz.t

"Your Majesty having bin pleased by your Order in Councill of the 23d of last Month to Refer unto this Committee the Petition of Severall Merchants and Traders to South Carolina, whose Names are thereunto Subscribed in behalf of themselves and many others of the Inhabitants and Traders in that Province, Complaining ag.st Francis Nicholson Esq.r Your Majestys Gov.r of the said Province of South Carolina for Establishing Paper Money contrary to his Instructions, And for Disobeying an Order of their Excellencys the late Lords Justices relating thereto, and for Severall matters Transacted by him, Which as the Pet.rs alledges tend very much to the Prejudice of Your Majestys Subjects the Inhabitants and Traders in the said Province. And therefore they humbly



humbly pray Your Majesty to take their great hardships and Oppressions into Consideration And to grant them Relief by recalling the said Gov.r Nicholson, who by reason of his advanced Age is rendered incapable of discharging the Trust reposed in him, or in such other manner as your Majesty shall think most proper The Lords of the Committee in Pursuance of Your Majesty's said Order this day Met to Consider of the Properest Method to be taken in order to a full Examination into the Same, when a Petition was presented by Francis Yonge Agent for the Province of South Carolina, Setting forth the said Gov.r Nicholson's repeated Directions to him humbly to Supplicate Your Majesty for leave to be absent from his said Government for Six Months for Recovery of his Health and for negociating some of his Private Affairs. And therefore moving that such Liberty may be granted him in order to his Coming to Great Britain Where Lordships Do thereupon Agree humbly to Report to Your Majesty that as the said Complaint cannot be so well Examined into whilst the said Gov.r is at so great a Distance as it might be, if he was here in Person. — And as the said Gov.r prays for Leave to come over, They are of Opinion it may be advisable for Your Majesty

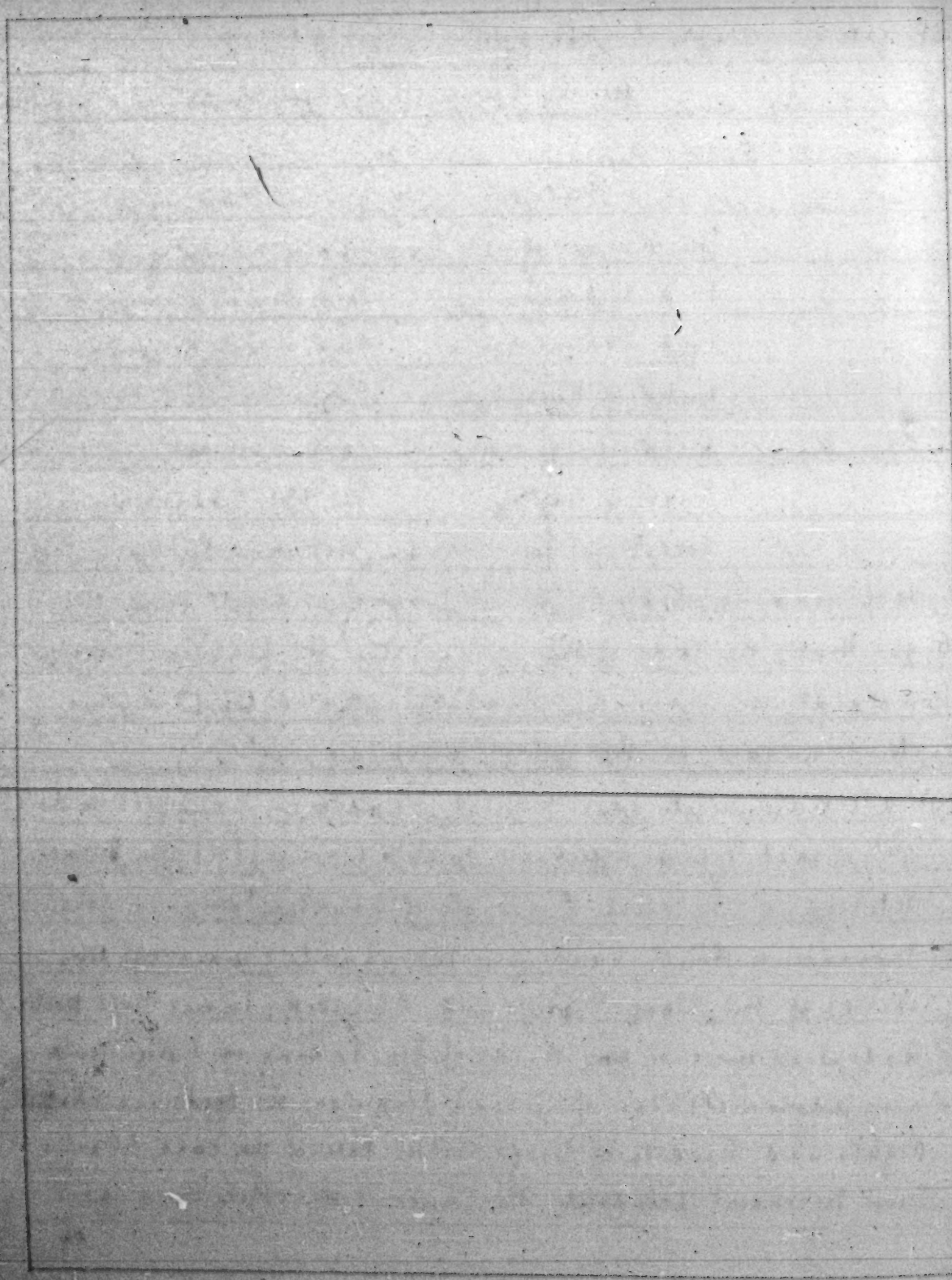


, Majesty to Grant him Your Royall Licence to be absent
, from his said Government for Six Months and come
, over to Great Britain - And Their Lordships further
, humbly offer that a Copy of the said Complaint
, should be forthwith Transmitted to him that he may
, be prepared to Answer the same upon his Arrivall
, here. And that in the mean Time, the Hearing
, of the said Complaint be put off.

His Majesty in Councill taking the said Report into Consideration, was pleased to Approve thereof, And pursuant thereunto, hath Ordered a Licence to be prepared for his Royall Sign Manuall for permitting the said Governr Nicholson to come over to Great Britain And His Majesty is hereby pleased to Order, that a Copy of the said Petition of Complaint (which is hereunto annexed) Be transmitted to the said Govr Nicholson, Who is to prepare himself to Answer the Same, upon his Arrivall here

A true Copy
J Vernon

Recd Sept. 8th
Read Oct. 28th } 1724



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At the Court at Windsor the 22d Day of Augt 1724

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Present

The Kings most Excellent Majesty.

Lord President.	Lord Viscot Falmouth.
Lord Chamberlain.	Lord Viscot Harcourt.
Duke of Roxburgh.	Lord Bishop of London.
Duke of Newcastle.	Lord Carteret.
Earl of Cadogan.	Mr Vice Chamberlain
Lord Viscot Townshend.	William Pulteney Esqr

Upon reading this Day at the Board a Report from the Right Honble the Lords of the Committee for hearing Appeals Complaints &c from the Plantations Dated the 9th of this instant August in the words following viz.t

"In Obedience to your Majestys Order in Council of the
"23d of last Month referring to this Committee, the Humble
"Petition of Samuel Eveleigh of Charles Town in the
"Province of South Carolina Merchant, Owner of two
"thirds of the Sloop George and Elizabeth, James Wall Master,
"And also Owner of two thirds of her Lading or Cargo and
"also Administrator of all and Singular the Goods and Chattels
"Rights and Credits of Joseph Palke late of the said Charles
"Town Merchant, Deceased, the Owner of the other third part

of

'of the said Sloop George and Elizabeth and also of the other
'third part of her Leding or Cargo, Complaining of a
'Sentence past in his Majestys Bermuda Islands, on the
'19th of December 1723, by William Outerbridge and Henry
'Tucker who were appointed by Mr Hope the Governour of
'Bermudas to hold (which he was pleased to call) Your Maj-
'-estys high Court of Admiralty whereby the said Ship the
'George & Elizabeth was Condemned Inventonied, Appraised
'Sold and Devided, according to the Statute of the 4th and
'8th of King William the 3d, on pretence that her Leding
'Consisted of French Goods Shipped at the Island of St Lucia
'and also Complaining of very Extraordinary Proceedings had
'therein, and particularly against the said Govern Hope
'William Outerbridge and Henry Tucker, as by the said Petition
'Annexed, does appear And therefore Humbly praying Your
'Majesty to Declare all the said Proceedings Null and Void, or
'else to Admitt him to Appeal therefrom, and to have Attested
'Copies of all Such Records and other Papers as may be nece-
'-sary in this Affair, And to be otherwise relieved in the
'Premisses. And also further praying that the said Govern
'Mr Outerbridges & Mr Tucker may be proceeded against for
'their Extraordinary Behaviour herein, As to his Majesty
'shall seem meet. Their Lordships this Day took the said Petition
'into Consideration and do agree humbly to report as their
opinion

"Opinion to your Majesty, that the Petitioner be Admitted
"to appeal from the said Sentence of Condemnation upon his
"giving the usual Security here to prosecute the said Appeal
"According to the Rules of this Board. And that your Majestys
"said Govern.r of the Bermuda Islands be required to return
"his Answer to such parts of the said Petition as Complain
"against him, And that the said William Outerbridge
"and Henry Tucker or any others who Acted as Judges in
"this Cause be also Directed to transmitt to your Majesty their
"Answer as to what relates to them, And Certify what they
"Know of any other parts of the said Petition, and particular-
"ly in relation to the Letter Charged therein to be Sent to
"them by Govern.r Hope. And y.t the Petitioner or his Agent be
"Allowed to take Authentick Copies of such of the Proceedings
"therein, as they shall think necessary.

His Majesty in Council taking the said Report into Consideration was pleased to approve thereof, and hath Allowed the Petitioner Liberty to Appeal from the said Sentence upon his giving Security here to prosecute the Same to Effect within the Space of One Year, And to Abide his Majestys Determination in Council thereupon. And his Majesty is hereby pleased to Order That John Hope Esq.r Govern.r of the Bermuda Islands do forthwith Return to his Majesty at this Board his Answer in writing to such parts of the said Petition as Com-

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-plain against him. And that the said Willm Outerbridge and Henry Tucker or any others who acted as Judges in this Cause, do also forthwith Return their Answers to such parts of the said Petition as relate to them (a Copie of which Petition is hereunto annexed) and that they do Certify what they know of any other parts of the said Petition, and particularly in Relation to the Letter Charged therein to be sent to them by Governr Hope, and his Majesty is hereby further pleased to Order that the Petitioner or his Agent be Allowed to take Authentick Copies of such of the Proceedings in this Cause as they shall think necessary: And the said Governour of the Bermuda Islands or the Governor or Commander in Chief of the said Islands for the time being, as also the said William Outerbridge and Henry Tucker and all others whom it may Concern, are to take notice of his Majestys Pleasure hereby Signifyed and Govern themselves Accordingly.

Ja: Berkeley —

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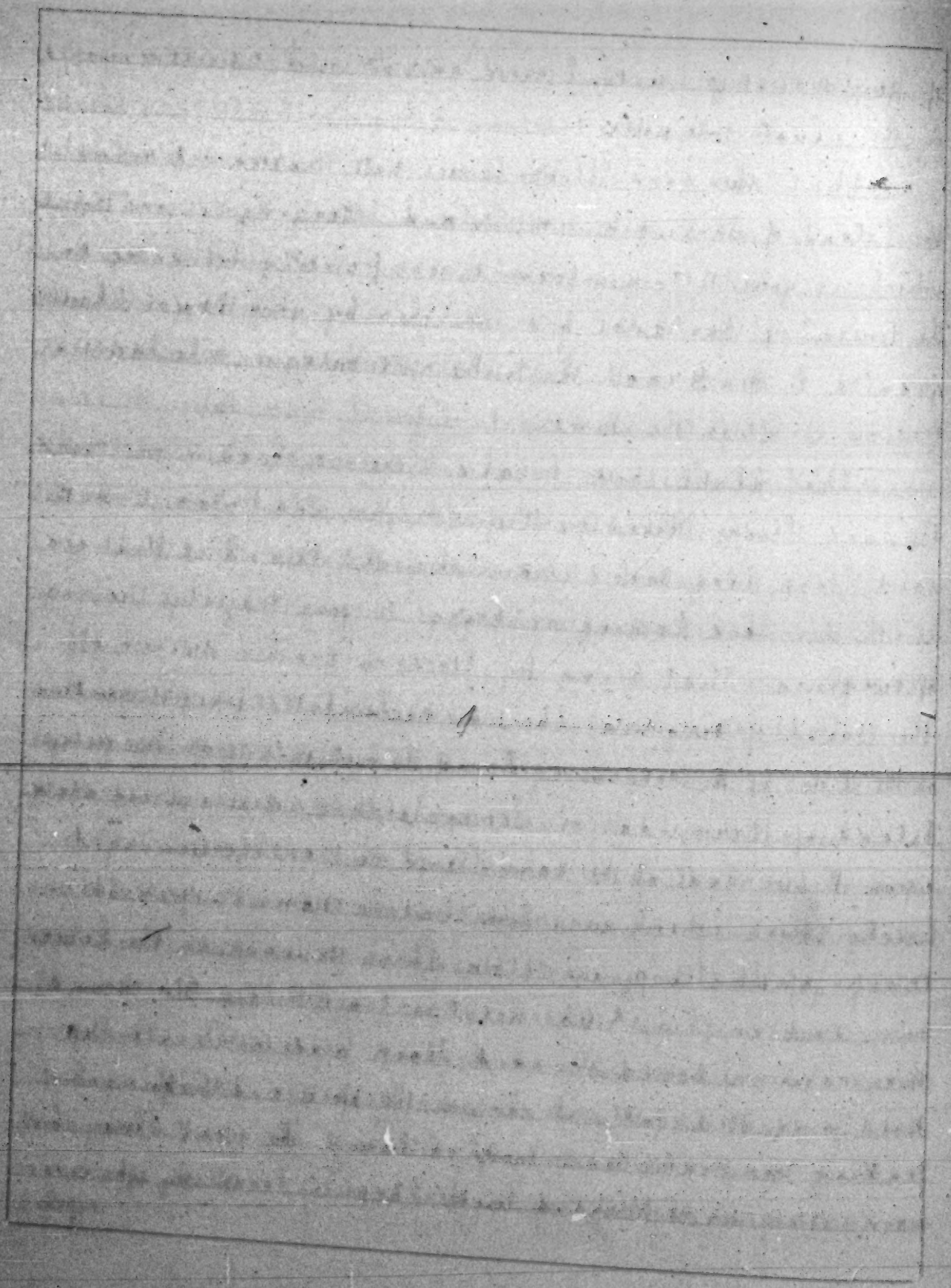
To the Kings most Excellt Majty in Councill.

The Humble Petition of Samuel Eveleigh of Charles Town in the Province of So Carolina Merchant, Owner of two thirds of the Sloop George and Elizabeth, James Wall Master, and owner of two thirds of her Lading or Cargo, and also Administrator of all and Singular the Goods and Chattells, Rights and Credits of Joseph Palke late of the said Charles Town Merchant Deceased, the Owner of the other third part of the said Sloop George and Elizabeth, And also of the other third part of her Lading or Cargo.

Sheweth.

That your Petitioner being Lawfull Owner of two third parts of the said Sloop George and Elizabeth and of two thirds of her Furniture, Tackle and Apparell, And also of two third parts of her Lading or Cargo, and the said Joseph Palke lately Deceased upon whose Estate Administration was lately granted to your Petitioner as principall Creditor being Owner of the other third part of the said Sloop and Cargo. Your Petitioner and the said Joseph Palke in his lifetime did Contract to fitt out the said Sloop with a Cargo upon a Trading Voyage and accordingly Cleared the said Sloop and her Lading in the Port of South Carolina with the Officers

of



of your Majestys Customs there, and all other Officers concerned in the usual Manner.

That the said Sloop James Hall Master did Arrive at the Island of St Lucia an Island belonging to your Majesty which as your Petr is informed was formerly belonging to the Govern.r of Barbados, but was then by your Royal Charter granted to his Grace the Duke of Montague, who had sent Persons to Settle the Same.

That at the said Island there was Loaden on Board the said Sloop Melasses, Rum, Sugar, and Cocoa, And the said Sloop was bound from the said Island of St Lucia with her Said Lading or Cargo to your Majestys Province of Virginia. That being by Stress of Weather driven off the Coast of Virginia, She was necessitated for preservation of the Lives of the Persons on board to put into your Majestys Island of Bermudas or Somer Islands, where immediately upon the Arrival of the said Sloop and on her coming to Anchor there, which was Sometime in Novemb.r 1723. The Master of the Sloop went on Shore to wait on the Governour, And in his Sd Absence One Jones the Custom House Officer there came on board the said Sloop and went into her Hold and Diligently Searched the Hold and Cabbins but finding no Contraband Goods on board he went away, but soon afterwards Richard Tucker Deputy Secretary who is an

Officer

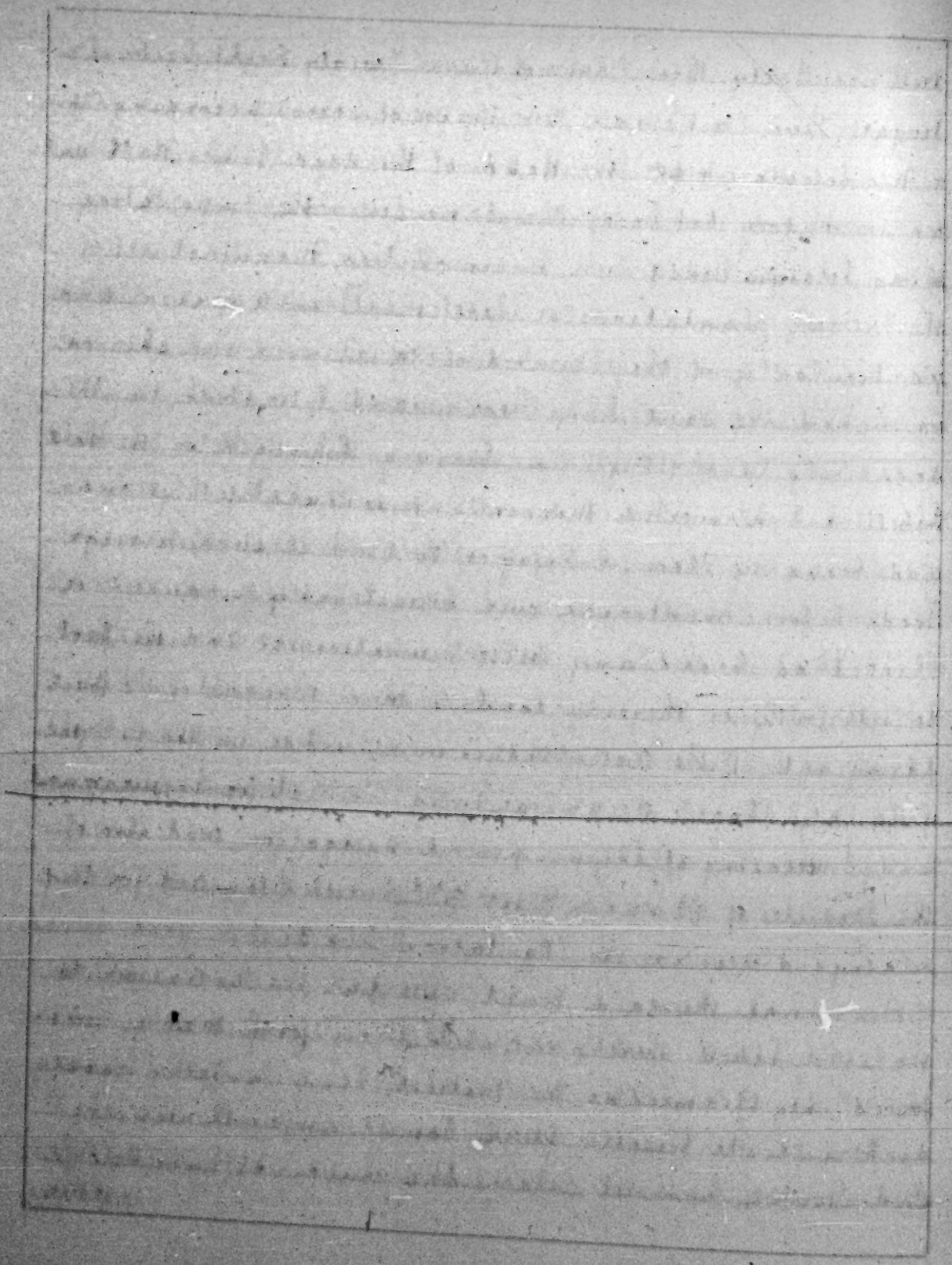
Officer of the Governours as is presumed by the Directions of the Govern[r] on his hearing the said Sloop came from St Lucia, with John Carthur Deputy Collector and the said Jones came on board the said Sloop, And tho' She had not landed or Attempted to Land nor did Intend to Land any of her Cargo there they Seized the said Sloop and Cargo by the said Tucker's Ordering the said Jones to put the broad Arrow on the Mast of the said Sloop, And then Commanded the Mate of the said Sloop (the Master being then on Shore as aforesaid and the Supra Cargo Sick in Bed) to weigh Anchor and hawle to the Wharf which he refusing readily to do the said Deputy Secretary Drew his Sword half out, but the Supra Cargo hearing a Noise and being Acquainted with the Cause of it Ordered the Mate to weigh Anchor and hawl to the Wharfe which was Accordingly done, And upon which the Deputy Secretary went into the Cabbine and took away all the Supra Cargo's papers and Carried 'em off, and all the Hands on board the Sloop were turned on Shoar, And the next morning the Mate (as also the Sailors) were Carried before the Gov[r] into his Chamber where after the Door was shut they were Strictly Examined (none being present but the Govern[r] and the Deputy Secretary) After which the Govern[r] Ordered a Guard to Carry the Mate to the Guard House and

and kept him Close Prisoner with a Strict Charge not to permitt him to Speak to any Person under which confine-ment he was kept for 48 Hours. During all which time he could get no Subsistance except water, which one of the Soldiers out of Compassion helped him to.

That immediately upon this Seizure of the said Sloop John Hope Esqr your Majestys Govern^{r} of the said Islands took upon himself to issue a Commission to William Outerbridge and Henry Tucker Esq^{rs} Empowering them to hold on that Day (what he is pleased to call) Your Majestys high Court of Admiralty there for Tryall of the said Sloop then under Seizure for Clandestine and Illegal Trade (as was pretended)

That on the Same 28th of November 1723 Thomas Brooke Collector of your Majestys Customs there, preferred an Inform-ation to the said Outerbridge and Tucker as Judges of the said high Court of Admiralty against the said Sloop and Cargo thereby alledging int: al: That the said James Wall late Master of the said Sloop George and Elizabeth then riding at Anchor in the Town Harbour of the said Island of Bermudas being a Vessell British Plantation built and Registered and Navigated According to Law did on the 11th day of November 1723. without any Lawfull Clearing or Certificate Import in his said Sloop into the said Bermudas from the Island of St. Lucia Fifty Casks of

Melasses



Melasses, Forty three Casks of Rum, Twenty Eight Casks of Sugar, Two Casks and two Baggs of Cocoa, according to a Manifesto under the Hand of the said James Wall and an Inventory taken of the same since the Importation being Foreign Goods and Commodities, Manufactures of the French Plantations or Settlements in America, and particularly of the Island of Martinico, and shipped on board the said Ship George and Elizabeth in the said Island of St Lucia being as charged in the said Libell a Controverted Moroon and uninhabited Island and being no Place, Country or Port where such Forreign Goods before mentioned ever were Legally produced or Shipped on board any Vessell whatsoever And the fact so sett forth is thereia said to be a Breach of the fourth paragraph of the Act of Parliament made in the 12th year of the late Charles the 2d Entituled An Act for Incouragment and Increasing of Shipping and Navigation, And also of the Statutes of 7th and 8th Wm 3rd Intitled An Act for Regulating abuses in the Plantation Trade.

That the said Capt Wall put in his Answer to the said Libell thereby int. al. Setting forth that he was forced into Bermudas by Distress, his men being most sick and the Vessells Stern bound up with runners and Tackle without which She could not have held together

gether, and Denies any part of his Cargo was taken in at Martinico or any other French Island. For that St Lucia was formerly under the Govr of Barbados and then Governed by the Duke of Montague, And that it was then no moroon or uninhabited Island, for that the said Goods were taken in at the Same time that the Winchelsea Man of Warr was there for the Preservation of the Inhabitants and Trade of that Place, and the Lieut. of which Man of Warr came on board and Searched the said Sloop and Insists that he was not guilty of any breach of the said Acts.

That there were also Severall other Trading Ships at the Same time that took in Goods at St Lucia.

That Witnesses being Examined the said Causes came to be heard 19th Decembr 1723. When the said Judges Declared that the said Sloop had been guilty of Illegal & Clandestine Trade Contrary to the Severall Statutes in the Libell and Adjudged the said Sloop with her Furniture and Cargo to be Condemned, Inventoried, Appraised, Sold and Divided According to the Statute 7th and 8th Willi: Tertii.

That During the time of the Said Tryall and towards the Conclusion thereof a Letter was Delivered to the Said Judges from the Governour which was read in Open

Open Court whereby he Ordered the Judges to Condemn the said Vessels which had it not been for the said Letter your Petitioner is Advised by a Person present at the said Tryall he believed from what the Judges had before said they would not have done.

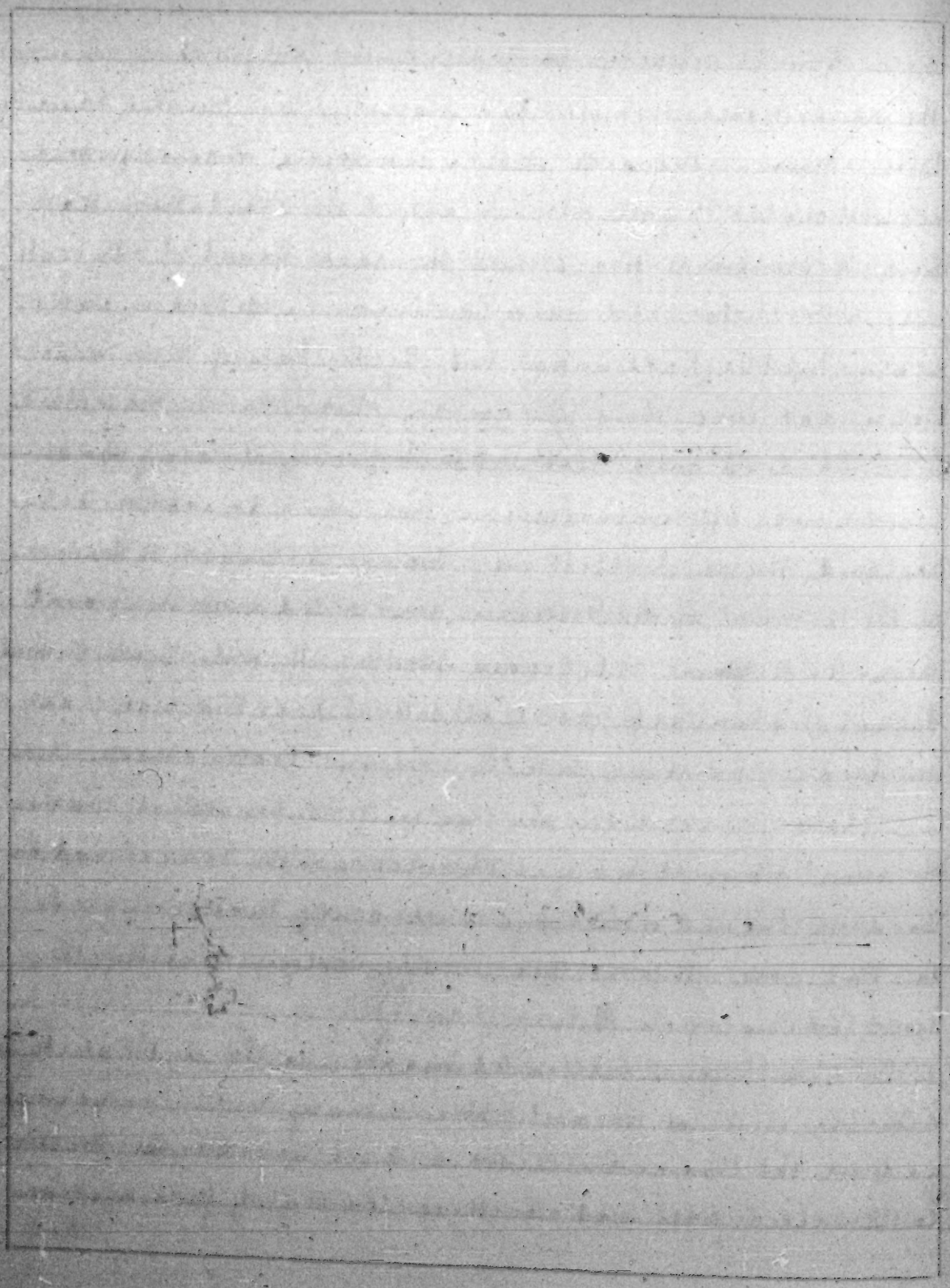
That the said Ship Furniture and Cargo were afterwards Appraised but not at one half of their reall Value and were Sold for greatly more than appraised at.

That the said Sloop (Ebenezer Wyatt being then Master) was afterwards (as your Petitioner is informed by the said Wyatt) Sent out on a Voyage to the Bay of Honduras on the Account of the Governour and others, And the Govern^r as your Petitioner is informed also by the said Wyatt) Actually Signed his Sailing Orders, which as your Petitioner is Advised is Contrary to the Governour's Instructions.

That James Wall the Master of the said Sloop having the said Sloop and Cargo thus taken from him, is now in the said Island of Bermudas wanting Necessaries and cannot come off from thence till Money is sent him by your Petitioner to Relieve him.

That your Petitioner Humbly Apprehends the said Proceedings are of the most Extraordinary Nature in as much as your Petitioner Conceives and is Advised the Matters in Question were not at all of Admiralty Jurisdiction -

And



and then it appears, that this Court have taken upon themselves the Stile of your Majestys high Court of Admiralty there, Whereas your Petitioner is advised there can be no high Court of Admiralty in any of the Plantations, And then it further appears that the said Court of Admiralty was held before the said William Outerbridge and Henry Tucker Esqrs appointed by the Govern.r of the said Bermudas who was to have one third of the Forfeiture himself and were not appointed independent of the Governour by Commission from the Admiralty in England, as your Petitioner Conceives ought to have been, to have Constituted a proper Admiralty Court there, And your Petitioner further Humbly Insists that the said Ship hath not Acted in Breach of any Law in being and Consequently was not liable to Confiscation.

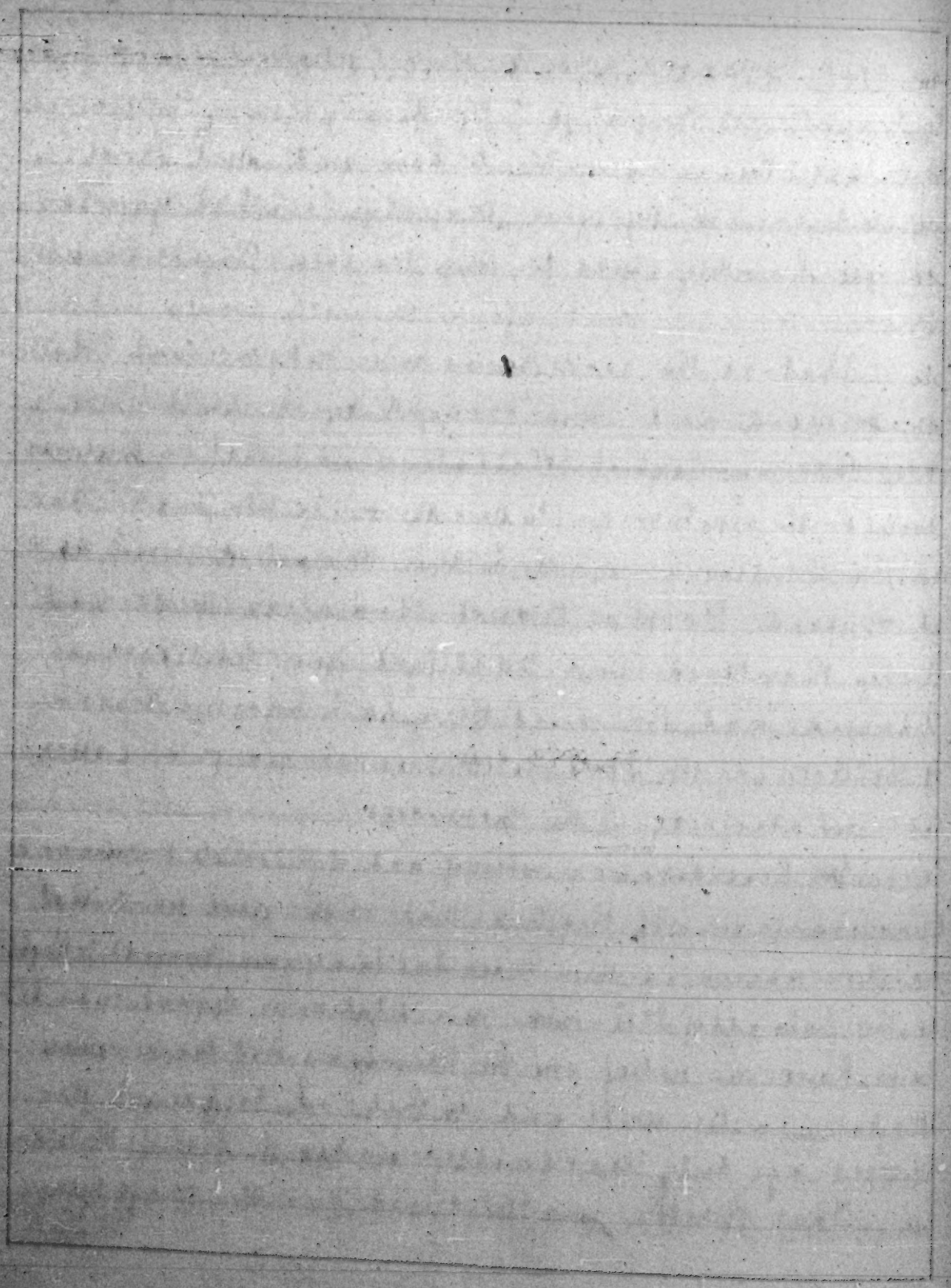
That your Petitioner humbly Submitts it, Whether the very Extraordinary Behaviour of the Govern.r and the said William Outerbridge and Henry Tucker Esq.r in the Premisses does not Deserve some Notice, especially the Gov.rs taking upon Himself to issue Such a Commission to hold a high Court of Admiralty to the said Outerbridge & Tucker And for them to hold such a Court according, and for the Governour to Write such a Letter as aforesaid to the said Judges and for them to Obey it, And also for the

the said Governour and the said Outerbridge and Tucker to Dispute yor Majestys Title to any of your Dominions, how farr this is Agreeable to Law and that trust reposed in 'em by your Majesty, is what your Petitioner humbly offers to your Majesty's Royall Consideration.

That as the said Goods were taken in at St Lucia as aforesaid and were brought by the said Sloop only into an English Plantation, and that by Distress and with no Design to Trade or break bulke, And as the Petitioner made a true Manifest thereof, And as the said Sloop is British Plantation built and duly Registered and Qualifyed, Your Petitioner is Advised and Conceives there hath been no breach of the Acts in the said Libell mentioned, or any other Act whatsoever in the Premisses.

In Consideration whereof and of the whole Nature and Circumstances of this Case, And as the great point that has been raised in this Case, has been your Majestys Right to the Island of St Lucia Your Petitioner apprehends he can have no relief in the Premisses but from your Majesty in Councill and to that End he has got the Proceedings duly transmitted under the Seal of the Island.

That therefore your Petitioner Humbly prays your Majesty



Majesty that you would be pleased to Declare all the said Proceedings Null and Void, as being of so very Extraordinary a Nature and without any Juris-diction with full Restitution and Satisfaction to your Petitioner for all his Losses and Damages herein, or else that your Majesty would be pleased to Admitt your Petitioner to an Appeal from the said Admiralty Decree on Entering into Security here to prosecute the Same, And that your Majesty would be pleased to Order the said Thomas Brook the Collecter and all other Persons Concerned to appear by themselves or their Lawfull Con-stituents or Attorneys before your Majesty in Councill at such time as your Majesty shall Direct, And that your Petitioner may by Order of your Majesty have attested Copies of all such Records and other papers as may be any wayes Necessary in this Affair, And that your Petitioner may have an Order Empowering different Persons in Bermuda to take Affidavits or Depositions in relation to the Premisses on your Petitioners Behalf, and that your Majesty will thereupon Appoint a Day for hearing the said Appeal, And that the sd Decree of the sd Court of Admiralty

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in Bermuda may be Reversed, And that your Petitioner may have full Restitution made him for the said Sloop and Goods or Cargo so seized and Condemned According to the true and intrinsick value thereof, And that the said Govern^r William Outerbridge and Henry Tucker may be proceeded against as to yor Majesty shall seem proper for their Extraordinary Behaviour in the Premisses and that your Petitioner may be fully relieved in the Premisses as your Majesty in your great Wisdom and Justice shall think fitt.

And your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever Pray &c —

A True Copy
Adam Wood

a true Copy Ja: Berkeley

Bermuda. This is the Coppy that Adam Wood Cabbin boy of the Sloop George & Eliza served upon me the 2^d of Feb^r 1724/5

John Hope

Feb. 4. 1724/5.

B.P.R.O. A & W.I. Vol 18. p. 69.

So Carolina Augt ye 25th 1724

May it please yor Grace

A few days agoe I had the Great Honr to receive yor Graces Comands by yor Graces Letter of the Second of April last and I most humbly begg leave to Congratulate yor Graces being appointed by his most Sacred Majesty his Majtys Principal Secry of State and am sure that We who have the Honr to serve his Mty in this American part of the World in Generall have verig great reason to rejoice thereon but more particularly my Selfe. —

I shall write to the Honble Kingsmill Eqre Eqr to wait upon your Grace with this and to receive your Graces Comands I having formerly writt to him concerning this His Majestys Province of South Carolina and more especially his Mtys Fort and Garrison at Fort King George and my Independent Company there. —

If the Honble Francis Yonge Eqr the late agent for this his Mtys Province hath not left London I shall write to him to wait upon your Grace likewise and if your Grace pleaseth these Two Gentn can give your Grace a just and full Accot of all Our affairs

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I having by all safe Opportunity's fully writ to them thereof. —

We had on ye 17th Inst. a Sort of an Huricane wch I thank God did no damage to the Shipping here but ye Violence of the Rain and Wind I hear hath damnified some of the Indian Corn and Rice and ye flood hath ruined some of the Bridges. This accident and the Time of looking after the Crop at present makes it very difficult to get a Councel among all the members thereof but I am in Hopes to be able to do it in Ten days or a fortnight at furthest in Order to have Yor Grace's Letter communicated to them and then We shall endeavour jointly to pay our Duty to your Grace.

I am now most humbly to begg your Grace's Pardon for this, and that yor Grace will please to give me leave to have the great Honor to subscribe myself

May it Please your Grace
Yor Grace's most Dutifull
and Faithfull
Humble Servant
Fr. Nicholson

P.S. I have often Writ to Mr Eyre & Mr Yeoage to obtain his Majtie most Gracious Licence to goe for Great

Great Brittain And am now yor Grace's Most Humble
peticonr which if Obtained I hope (God willing) to
have yt Great Honor to pay my Duty to yor Grace
and (if you please) to give yor Grace a berbal
Accot not only of this Country out of others on
this Continent where I have had at several
Times yt Comand of them.

If yor Grace should want anything
this Country affords I hope yor Grace will
Honor me with yor Comands and I shall Esteem
it a piece of very good Fortune when I shall
be so happy as to be in yt least serviceable
to yor Grace and upon Notice thereof it shall
be Most Cordially Complyed with by

I. R.

B. P. R. O. A & W. I. Vol. 18. p. 68.

S: Carolina Augt ye 25th 1724.

Honble Sr

A few daies agoe I recd your Letter of the 27th of April last Mr John Hamilton hath been here some time & I do assure you that upon your Accot I shall do him all the Favour and kindness that lyes in my power but I am heartily sorry that any Gent you are pleased to recommend to me should come into this poor Country where there are few or no places proper for such a Person. The misfortune of this Country at present is the Uncertainty of the Government whether his Majesty will keep it or the Lords Proprietors be restored and their Lordships having been Pleased to shutt up their Land Office which hinders People from taking up Lands in Order to Settle the Frontiers Especially to the Southward which Borders on the Spaniards and French who are now United & we find that they are not only Endeavouring to sett their Indians upon ours but likewise Inveighling them from us, these affairs have severall Times been Represented to the Right Honble the Lords Comissrs of Trade and Plantations as likewise to the Right Honble the Principal Secrt of State So I will not now Trouble

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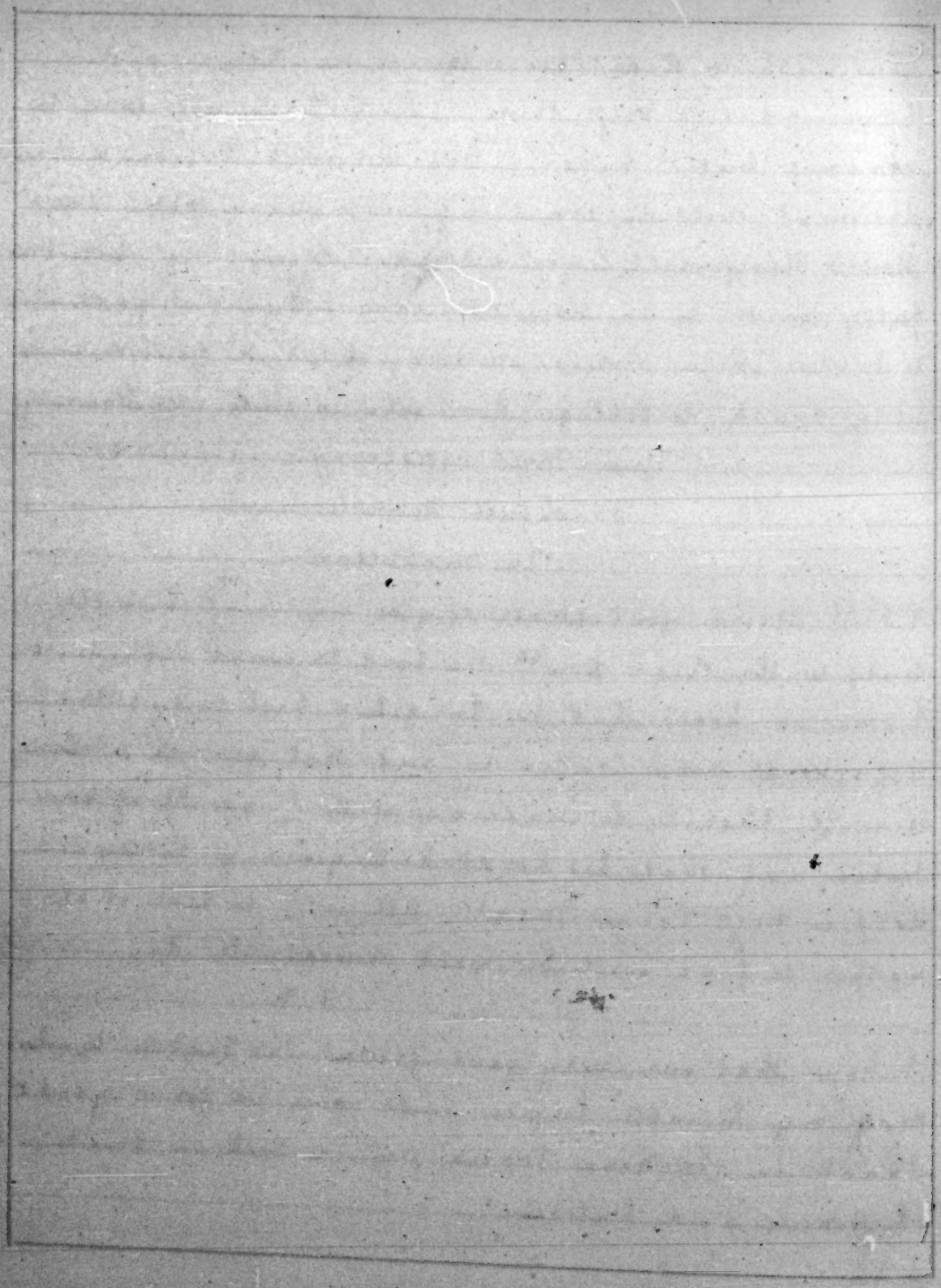
you with a Repetition thereof, the Affair of Our Commodities vizt Rice Tarr & Pitch are very Precarious but I hope in God the next Sessions of Parliament will do something Concerning them, The Honble Kingsmill Eyre & Francis Yonge Esq^rs have been fully writt to on these Affairs & I begg that you'l please to Favour them therein in doing of which you'l continue very much to Oblige him who is with all Sincerity

Your Most Affectionate Friend &
Faithfull Humble Servt
Fr: Nicholson

P.S. I desire you'l please to give my most humble Duty to the Right Honble the Lord Viscount Cobham & I am in hopes that his Lordship hath fully settled his Affairs of Nova Scotia &c and that you are already or will shortly be made one of the Baronetts of Nova Scotia and that his Lord^p hath given ye Pattents for Half a Doz^n Large Mann^rs All wch to hear of or rather to find will be most acceptable to

F. N.

I hope that our very good friend Mr Tickle to whom pray my humble Service will come in for a good Snacke in the Nova Scotia affair both in Point of Honour and Interest.



B P. R O. South Carolina B I Vol 2 Bill

Fulham Aug. 26. 1724

My Lords

I receivd the honour of your Lordships Letter, for which I heartily thank you. As the case was represented to me, I understood that the Act had been approvd by your Lordships and the Kings Counsel, and wanted nothing but to be handed back to ye Privy Council; which was the occasion of my troubling you with a Letter. But since I find I have been misinformd, and that there are several difficulties in it which cannot easily be got over, I leave it to the ordinary course, unless your Lordships shall think it proper to let it rest with you till Governour Nicolson comes over, who has obtained his Majestys leave to be absent from his Government, and when he comes hither, may be able to remove the objections to which the Act seems liable at present

I am, with great respect,
My Lords
Your Lordships most faithful Servant
Edm^d^ London

Recvd
Read } Septem^r^ 2^d^ 1724.

B P R O South Carolina B T Vol 2 B97

Charles Town Septem^{r} 3^{d} 1724

May it please Yo^{r} Lordp^{p}

His Ma^{ty} Ship the Blanford being not Yet Sailed I herewith Transmitt to Yo^{r} Lordp^{p} the Copy of a Proclaimacon concerning Old Bills &c for I found that of late the People had not brought in their Old Bills to be Changed which I Supposed was upon Some Private Views of their Own And that others might be because they would not Own the Act &c And Some People of ye Country might not know the certain Time. For wch Reasons and more Especially that I might know ye certain Sum of the Old Bills that were Changed for the New Ones (without wch no True Estimate could be of the Number of riches) and when the Comiss^{rs} make a Return thereof I shall according to my Duty Transmitt it to Yo^{r} Lordp^{p}

I recommended to his Ma^{ty} Honble Counsil Humbly to Represent to Yo^{r} Lordp^{p} in Some Measure the State of this his Maties Province which they have done and the Honble Mr Sec^{ry} Hart Sends by this Conveyance to Yo^{r} Lordp^{p} which I hope in God will meet with Yo^{r} Lordp^{p} Approbation.

Our late Storm hath very much Damaged the

the Fortifications on this Place which cant possibly be fully Repaired this Winter but I have given Directions that what can possibly be done be gone about Immediately

We have had a Great deal of rain of late which hath caused Great Floods that hath Damnified Some Rice Indian corn and Pease and I thank God it is this day fair Weather and I hope will continue I Suppose that Some of the Ships now here will not gett loaded for London till the later End of October by reason the Rains have hindred the making of Pitch which is the only Comodity they can Load with

To give Yo^r Lordp^s this Account of Our Affairs I thought a Duty Incumbent on him who is

Yo^r Lordp^s Most Obliged Obedient
and Faithfull humble Servt
Fr Nicholson

Lords of Trade &c
Rec^d Oct^br 27th
Read Novem^br 3^d } 1724

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The Treasurers Account from Jany 1st 1723/4 to July 25th 1724

Rec^d 27 Octo: 1724
Read

The Publick	£	D:
To Cash paid for a Scout boat	£	100
To Cash paid an Order towards building the Church at Wineau		1000
To Cash paid for building of Bridges		150
To Cash paid for finishing the fort at Port Royall		400
To Cash paid for building the Church at Port Royall		1000
To Cash paid Col° Barnwell on Acco° of Indian Affairs		200
To Cash paid the Commissioners of the Bank		100
To Cash paid on Acco° of the Ministers Salarys		1925
To Cash paid Parochial Charges		455
To Cash paid the Master of the free School		200
To Cash paid the Salarys and Provisions at fort Moore		1000
To Cash paid the Salary & Provissions of Palachocola Fort		1000
To Cash paid the Salary & Provissions for the Scout boats		750
To Cash paid the Salary & Provissions of Johnsons Fort		236
To Cash paid the Armorer and gunner of Ch° Towne		175
To Cash paid the Land Waiters		50
To Cash paid for Drawbacks		100
To Cash paid the Treasurer		1000
To Cash paid the Clerk of Assembly Messenger & Fireings		750

The Publick	£	s	d
To Cash paid the men Employ'd at fort King George	77	10	
To Cash paid the Corroners fees	27		
To Cash p^{d} Entertaining of Indians & Ch^{s} of Expresses	200		
To Cash paid for Beasts of prey	7		
To Cash paid Sr Massey for printing the Bills	100		
To Cash paid Col^{o} Brewton for the use of his house	100		
To Cash paid Col^{o} Hastings	100		
To Cash paid for work done at Johnsons Fort	702	2	7
To Cash paid Towards the Agents Salary in Great Britain	600		
To Cash paid Sev^{ll} Orders Settled by the Comittee of both houses	1361	19	
To Cash paid for Negroes Condemned	300		
To Cash paid for Contingencys	4748	8	7
To Cash paid the Treasurer for Extraordinary Trouble	482	10	
To Cash paid for Sundrys Supplyd the Savana Fort	75	6	10
To Cash paid for Sundrys Supplyd the French Sloop	7	5	
To Cash paid for Sundrys Supplyed Fort Prince George	27	18	9
To Cash paid for Sundrys Supplyed the Spaniards	9	2	6
To Cash paid for Sundrys presents given the Indians	196	2	6
To the Sum of £1000 appropriated for a printed Line appropriated to repair the fortifications of Ch^{s} Towne	1000		
	£ 20933	5	11

The Publick

D:

£	20933	5	11
	3666	5	5
£	26599	11	4

1720 July 20th To Ballance due

The Above Acct begun the 1st Janry 1723 And of the Charge of the Government ends the 29th of year the Act was made for, there a Sum can be pended which cant be Compleated

Memorandm

There is remaining on Acct of the £ 40000 the Sum of £ 3700

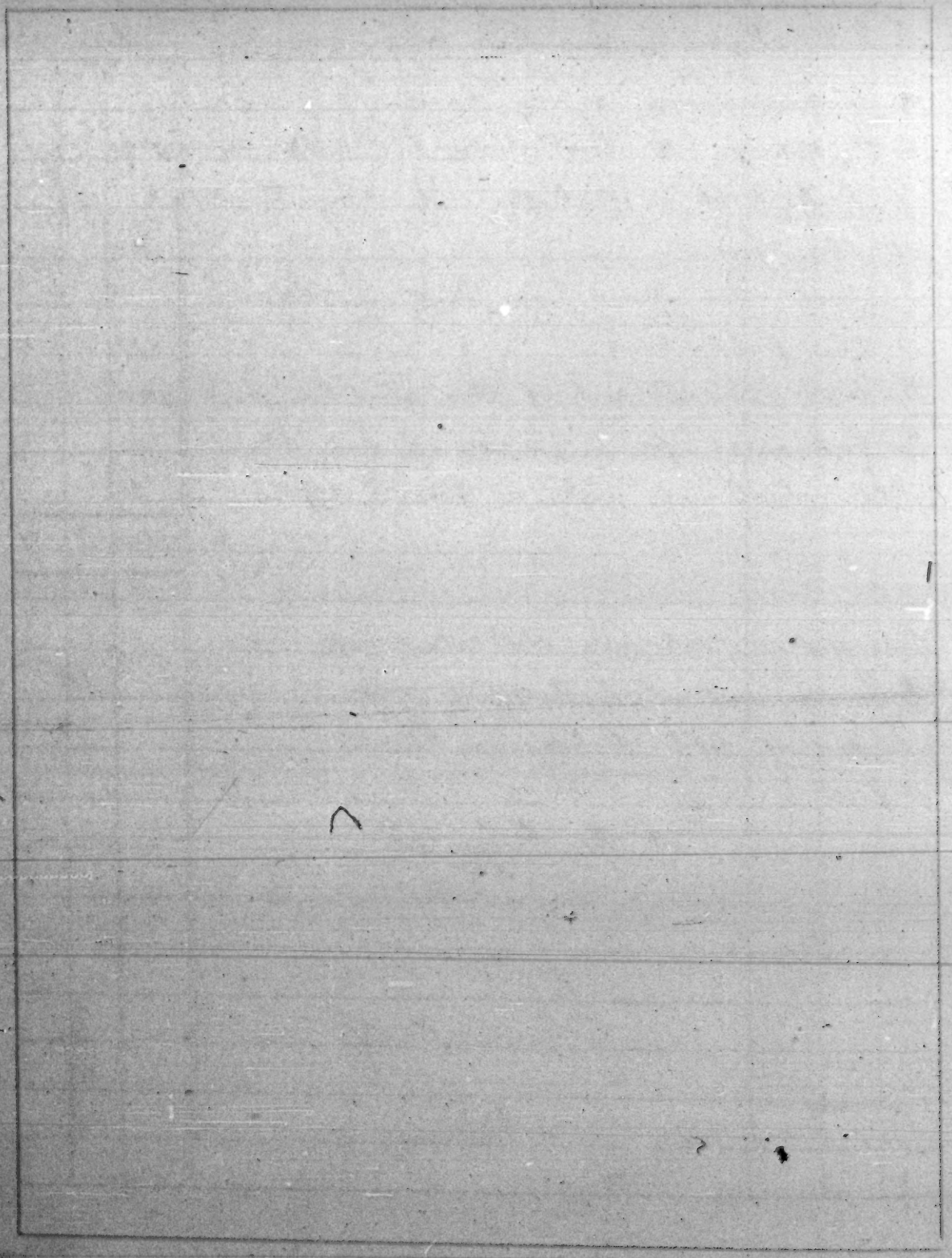
Remaining on Acct of other moneys raised which makes up the Above Ballc of £ 5666 . 5 . 5

	1966	5	5
£	5666	5	5

Per Contra	£	s	d
By cash remaining in my hands being the ball.ce due on all Accots Settled to 1st Janry 1724	15307	3	8
By cash receed in part from the Commissioners of the Tax	1730		
By cash receed from Judge Hill on Account of the fortifications	277	3	8
By cash receed in part of this years Tax about	9000		
By cash receed for a parcell of deer Skins Sold which was made a present off	65		
£	26399	11	4

Ends the 20th of July 1724 the Calculation September next which compleats the Account of both Debitt and Credit before

A. Paris Treasr.

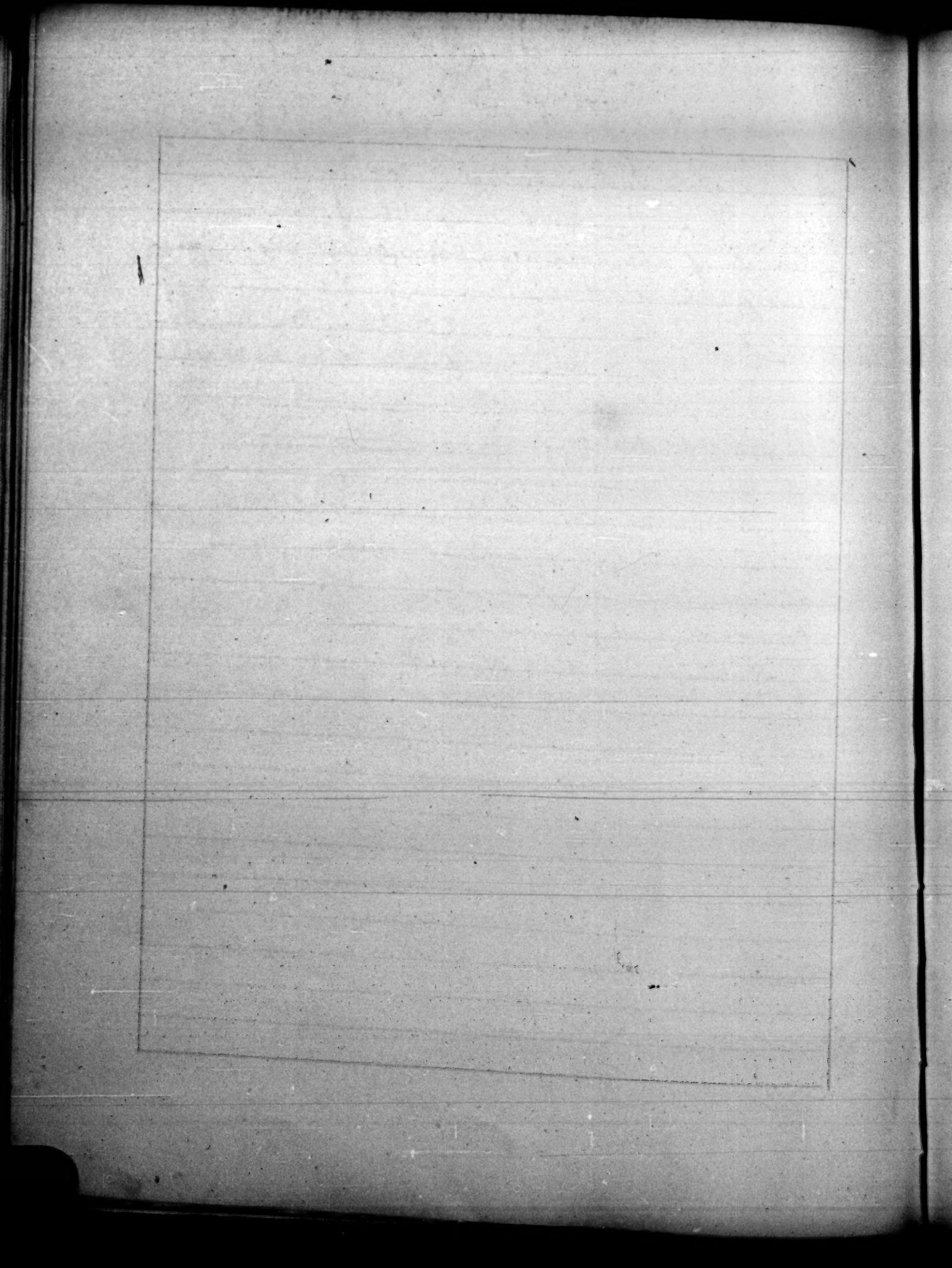


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Extracts of the Journal of Assembly relating to the Qualification of Members

Referred to in Genl Nicholsons Letter of the 8th August 1724

Recd 27th Octo 1724
Read —



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South Carolina Naval Office Augt 3 1724

Rice Pitch & Tarr Exported from the 25th March To 31 July 1724

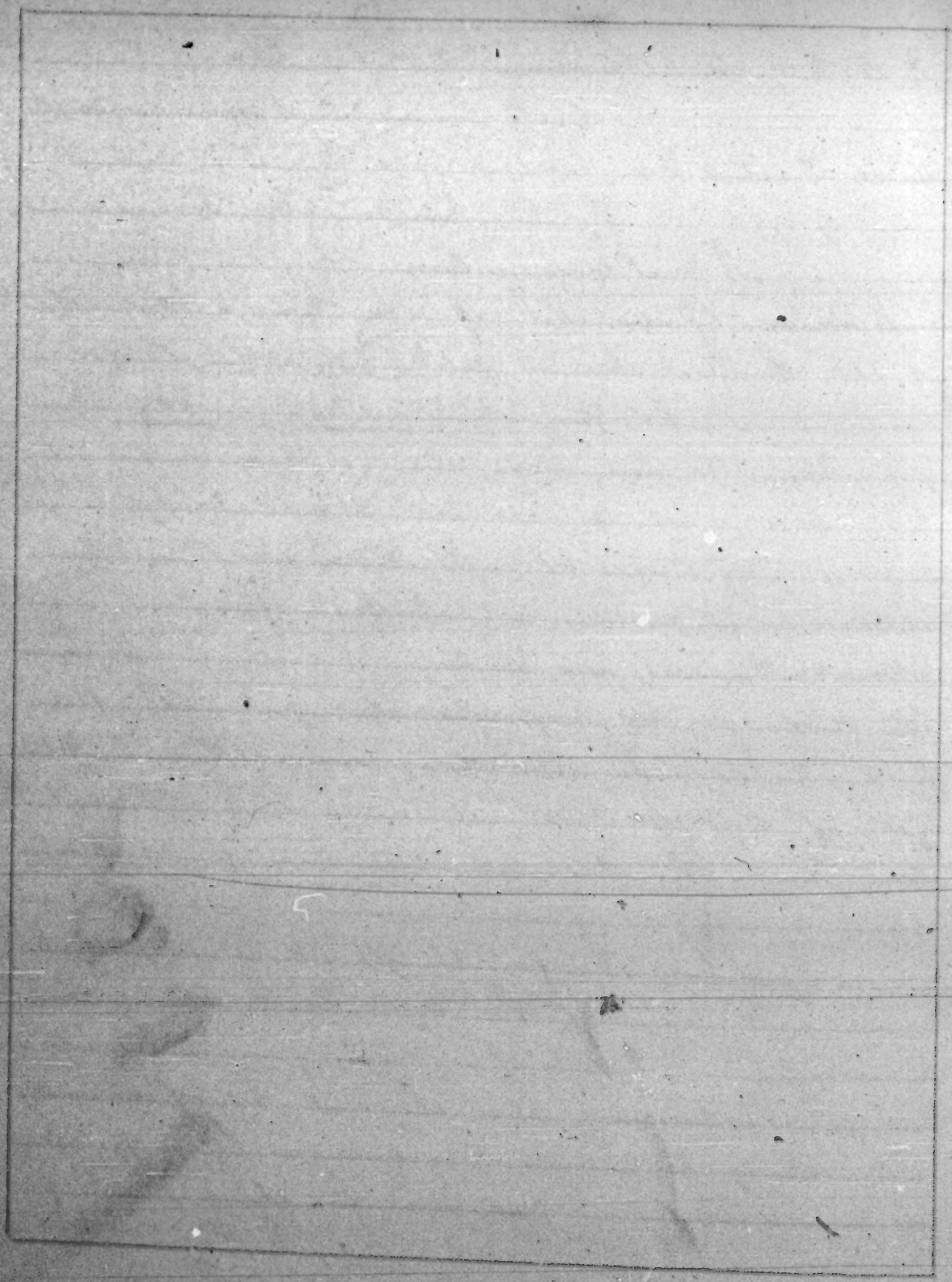
Barrells of	Rice	Pitch	Tarr
To Great Brittaine	3401	11271	6068
To the Plantations	1256	1882	367
Totall	6657	13153	6435

Being the Last that will be Exported this Season, and the Last Tarr to Great Brittaine

Augt 3d 1724 Wm Hammerton
Naval Officer

Memor This was given me by
Wm Hammerton Esq Naval Officer of
St Nicholson

Recd 27th Octor 1724
Read



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(1st September 1724)

South Carolina Ss

By His Excellency The Governour

A Proclamation

Whereas by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, bearing date Febuary the 15th 1723, intituled an Act for calling in and sinking the paper Bills, It is Enacted that if there be any old Bills still outstanding, which are not already changed and commuted into the new Bills, the former Commissioners for issuing out the said new Bills are hereby impowered and required to continue to commute and exchange the same; and that from and after Eight Months next after the passing the said Act none of the Old Bills outstanding shall be curr.t throughout this Province; which term of Eight Months terminates the 15th of October next.

I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice and consent of His Majties hon.ble Council to issue this my Proclamation, hereby giving notice to all persons concerned, that the said Act of Assembly will strictly be put in Execution; and hereby forbidding all persons whatsoever, from and after the said 15th of October

October, to presume to pay or receive, or offer to pay or receive, or exchange any of the said old Bills, on any account whatsoever, as they will answer the contrary, at their peril, and as they may expect to be prosecuted with the utmost severity of the Law; And for the better exchanging the old Bills into new, The Comonissioners for issuing out the new Resolve to meet at the house of the honble Thomas Hepworth Esq. in Charles Town; on Tuesdays and Fridays in every Week, till the said 15th of October, and give their attendance for that purpose.

And this is likewise to give notice to all persons concerned as Defaulters in the payment of the Taxes, for the Years 1720, 1721, 1722, & this present Year, that if they do not pay in their arrears in fifteen days from this instant, to the Treasurer of this Province Executions will be issued, without favour or affection.

By His Excellencys Comm[d]
Chas Hart Sec[y]

Given under my hand, and His Majties great Seal of His Majties Province, at Charles Town, the first day of September, Anno Dom 1724 in the Eleventh Year of His Majties Reign

Js: Nicholson

Rec[d] 27[th] Octo[r] 1724
Read

God save the King

a true copy of the Original

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South Carolina ss

By His Excellency Francis Nicholson
Esq. his Majesties Capt General and
Governour in Chief in and over his Majes-
ties Province of South Carolina And
Copy Vice Admiral of the Same

A Proclamation

Whereas by the 10th 11th & 12th Sections of the Statute of the Sixth of Queen Anne intituled An Act for the incouragement of the Trade to America, It is Enacted Viz.t

X. } Here was inserted the 10th 11th & 12th Sections of the
XI. } said Act verbatim
XII }

I do Therefore hereby in his Majesties name require and Comeand all his Majesties Officers within this his Majesties Province, whom it may Concern That they see the Same put in Execution; and all Masters and Commanders of Vessells, and other persons concerned, to pay due Obedience to the Same upon the Penalties of the said Act; And likewise that this Proclamation be made Publick, by setting it up at the Watch House and in the Office of his Majesties Customs in this Province.

Given

Given under my hand and the great Seal of this his Majesties Province, this twenty Second of July, In the tenth Year of his Majties Reign Annoq8 Domini 1724

By his Excellencys Commd
Chas: Hart Secty — Fr Nicholson

God Save the King

(S)

So Carolina — The above Copy Agrees with the Original Proclamation, Examined and attested July 27th 1724
Chas: Hart Secty.

South Carolina ss
Copy

By His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esqr Govr and Ordinry &c

A Proclamation

Whereas divers persons in this Province, in whose Custody are the Wills of deceased persons, have neglected to exhibit and prove the same, and many others who have Letters Testamentary and Letters of Administration granted them, have failed to return Inventories of the Personal Estates of the deceased; which may tend to the manifest wrong and injury of Orphans and Minors, and the Creditors and Legatees having demand on such Estates, and can only

only be intended to support fraud and injustice.

I have Therefore thought fit, by and with the advice and consent of His Majestys hon^ble Council, to issue this my Proclamation, hereby strictly charging and commanding all persons who have any Wills in their Custody, forthwith to exhibit, and prove the same, and also to return Inventories of the Estates of the deceased, as the Law directs, on pain of being prosecuted with the utmost rigour thereof

Given under my hand and the great Seal of this His Maj^ty Province this twenty sixth day of June in the Sixth Year of His Majestys Reign, Annoq Dom^i 1720

By His Excell^y Comm^d — Fr Nicholson

Chas Hart Sec^y — God Save (S) the King

S^o Carolina — The above is a true Copy of the Original Proclamation, Examined and Attested July 27th 1720

Chas Hart Sec^y

South Carolina — By His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esqr Govr &c

Copy

A Proclamation

Whereas by an Act of Parliament made in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of his Late Majesty King William the third (of Glorious Memory) Intituled An Act for the more Effectual Suppression of Piracy all Masters of Merchant Ships Trading from Great Brittain

to

to parts beyond the Seas, are Obliged to carry Home with them all such Seamen as they carry out with them and are in a Condition to return

And Whereas great Complaints have been lately made to me by Masters and Commanders of Ships and other Vessells, that many Evil disposed persons in this Province do Cherish and entertain Seamen who have deserted from their respective Ships, whereby their Voyages have been hindered, and which too often Occasions their turning Pirates I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesties Hon.ble Council to Issue this my Proclamation hereby Strictly forbidding all manner of Persons whatsoever to receive or entertain any Seaman belonging to any Ship or Vessell, without their Masters Lycence, on pain of being Prosecuted with the Utmost Severity of the Law.

Given under my hand, and the great Seal of this
By his Ex.cy his Majesties Province the twenty Sixth day of
Comm.d June, In the tenth Year of his Majesties Reign
Chas Hart Sec.y Annoqs Domini 1724 (S)

God Save the King

So Carolina, The above is a true Copy of the Original Proclamation, Examined and Allowed July 27.th 1724

Rec.d 27.th Oct.r 1724 } Chas Hart Sec.y
Read

B. P. R. O. South Carolina B. T. Vol 2 B 103

(4th Sept. 1724)

May it please Your Lordships

As all matters relating to His Maj.ty Plantat in America, fall under Your Lordships Cognyance & inspection, and in a more particular manner what concerns Trade and Navigation, We though it a duty incumbent on us to give Your Lordships a just view of the Trade of this Province, wherein it is of advantage to Great Britain, and how those advantages will be lost, if our Trade is distressed, and in what circumstances it is unhappily affected, and must so continue without Your Lordships powerfull assistance

Our principal Staple Rice being continued amongst the rest of the enumerated Commodities is the greatest hardship attends Our Trade, but as our Agent has been endeavouring all that lies in his power to gett that taken off, and has offered so many good reasons to Your Lordships consideration (which we hope will have their due weight) we shall not be prolix on that head, and therefore shall only observe to Your Lordships, we are credibly informed from Mowill that the Soil is proper for Rice, and that they do plant and support their Soldiery with it; But as yet

yet they want the way how to clean it; which when once they have learnt, they will be able to export great quantities; this strikes at our greatest branch of producing Returns: for as we are compelled to carry our Rice to Great Britain first, and there reship it for transportation they will not only supply their own, but other Roman Catholick Countrys before Lent; by which means our Markets will be lost, and that part of our produce rendered of no value.

The directions of the late Act of Parliament for making of green Tarr, being impracticable in this Country, that branch of our Trade will be lost, and we shall be in the same condition wth our Pitch and Turpentine, for want of the bounty so that unless the Parliament of Great Brittain will think fit to give it again two thirds of the Bulk of our Trade falls, and the Navigation will be much decreased

Here we must again take leave to acquaint you, that the French are also endeavouring to Rival us in that part of our Trade; for there hath lately been in this Harbour a small Sloop loaded with Pitch and Tarr, of their making at Morill, so that if we have no bounty granted on ours again, and it continues Enumerated they will transport and supply the forreign

markets

markets, at cheaper rates than we can, that have double charge of risque, freight, Landing & Shipping to pay besides loss of time

Your Lordships can't be insensible of the advantage that Great Britain hath rec^d as well as his Maj^ty Colonies by a bounty being given on Pitch Tarr and Turpentine. If you'l be pleased to look back on the prices of Pitch and Tarr before, and what it has been sold for since the passing and continuing the Bounty Act it being evident by the price of Tarr in Great Britain from Six Shill^s as it was some time past, our advices say it is stated, to thirteen or fourteen shillings per barrel, with this view only, as we apprehend, that none can be exported hence, intituled to the bounty, after the 29th of Septemb^r next, and the benefit of this Start will not redound to the advantage of His Maj^ty Subjects, but to Denmark Muscovy and Sweden, who will rise the prices of those Commodities, according to the price in Great Britain Besides; if we are informed right, the East Country Trade is of vast disadvantage to Great Britain for most of these Commodities are bought with our Coined Silver, which is sent over for that purpose, Whereas this Province takes off abundance of the Woolen Manufactures for Cloathing the white people and Negroes, and in the Indian Trade as well

well as linnen and several other things of the Manufacture of Great Brittain, so that if no bounty is granted us, and the Enumeration stands on Pitch, Tarr and Rice, we must expect our Neighbours to outdo us, as well in point of time of being at markets, as of double risque and charges, whereby the Inhabitants of this Province will be rendered uncapable of purchasing the European Commodities, and must be obliged through necessity, to make their own Cloathing and the Dane, Swede, and Muscovite will have the advantage of its rise in Great Britain

We further represent to Your Lordships that this Province stands as much in need of the liberty of importing Salt from France and Portugal as the Settlement of New England, to whom it is granted, for Salting of Beef and Pork in their proper Seasons for transportation besides we have a prospect of Settling a Fishery here had we the like liberty, there being several sorts of Fish on our Banks, close in with the Coast, which may be improved for Forr. Markets

We have great quantities of valuable timber fit for the Royal Navy, and Plank of Pine and Cypress of any lengths made use of, we should be enabled to Ship them to Great Britain if we had the encouragement of a bounty

We

We likewise represent to Your Lordship that it would greatly tend to the advantage of this Province, if Port Royal was made a Port of Entry and proper Officers were appointed; and that it would be much safer for His Majty's Ships Stationed here, to be ordered to that harbour, where they may be safe from any Stress of Weather, or Hurricanes that sometimes happens in these parts; and by the Map of that harbour herewith sent, to Your Lordship it will appear how readily they can go in and out, upon any occasion; which they cannot do at Charles Town for want of depth of Water on the Barr by being Stationed there, they not only encourage the Settling that place, being a Frontier, but in great measure deter any attempt that might otherwise be made upon Fort King George

In the late Rupture between the Two Crowns St Augustine was a Resort for Privateers being in the Mouth of the Gulph, where most Ships trading to the West Indies Especially those from North America are obliged to Cross, and not above Seventy Leagues from Charles Town; which great inconvenience might be prevented, if a Man of War was Stationed at Port Royal

After the foregoing just representation of the State of this Province, in its most material branches, we

we think we should be wanting in our Duty to His most Sacred Majesty, if we did not acquaint Your Lordshp that another of the Principal Grievances it labours under is the management of the Soil, for whilst the Lords Proprietors think fit to prohibit the Sale of Lands, it could not meet a more fatal Shock, or a greater obstruction in its Settlement. The Land Office hath now been shut up near Six Years, and in that time undoubtedly (in so flourishing a Colony) many People would have become good Settlers, who are already here, and many others would have come hither with that fair prospect; by which means His Majty good Subjects would have been better protected and defended in their properties against the barbarous and Savage Indians, and their formidable and Suspected Neighbours the French and Spaniards, to which they are a Frontier Colony, and the British Empire and His Maty Dominions in America rendered more powerfull and Extensive.

This affair has been given in charge to our several Agents to lay before Your Lordships, but not having hitherto met with that good success in their application, which could be wished, we could not omit troubling Your Lordships, Our Selves, who have the

Executive

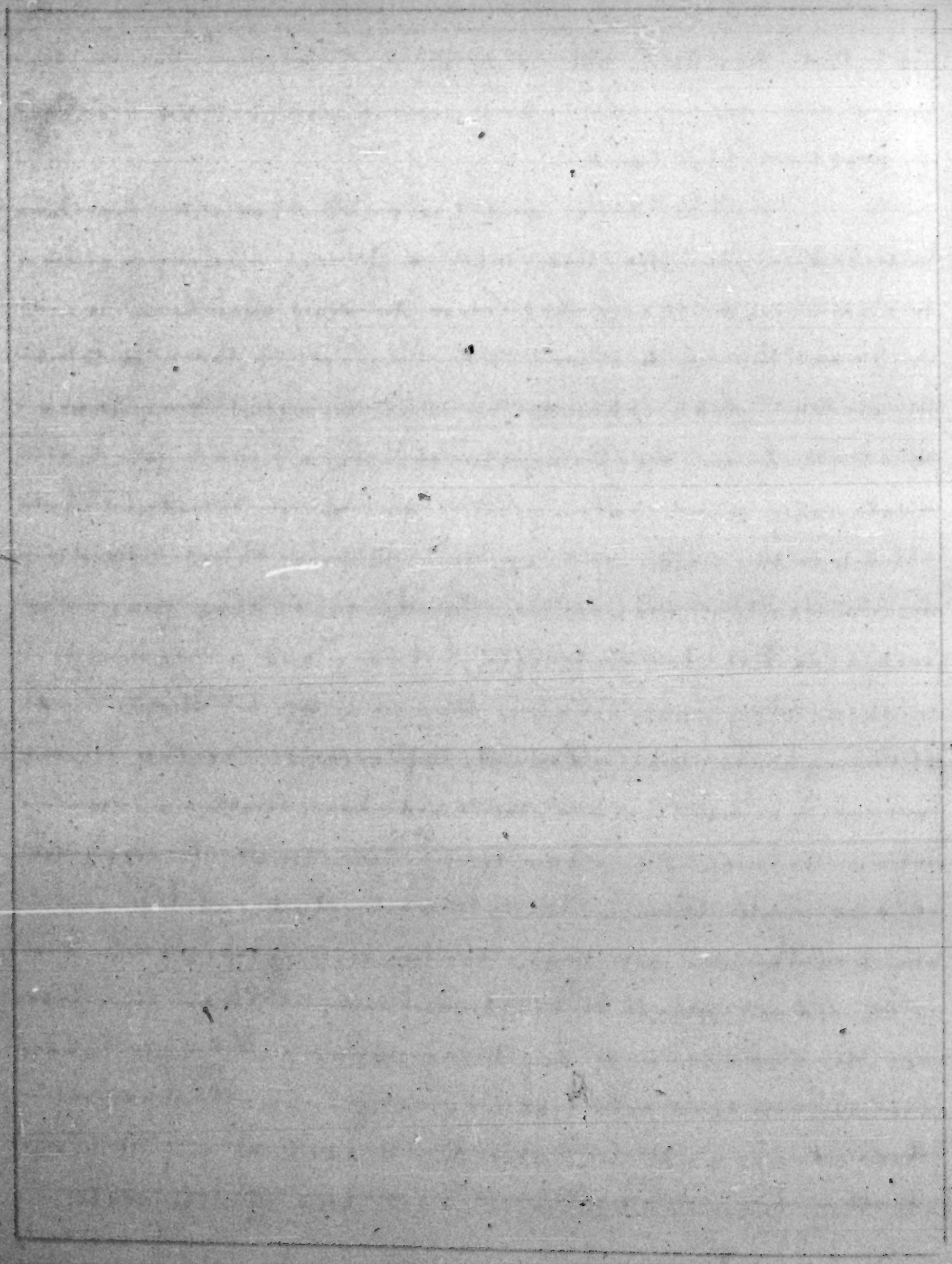
Executive part of the Government in our hands, being in great hopes that our intercession would have some weight with yor Lordsh^ps

Your known zeal for His Maj^ties Service, and the good of all his Subjects, makes us flatter our selves that Your Lordships will be pleased to interpose in favour of this Province, that Rice may be taken from amongst the Enumerated Commodities and a Bounty given again on Pitch and Tarr. The other matters in this Letter considered by Your Lordships; and that the affair of the Land Office may be settled, which is so Essential to the well being and Encrease thereof

We are May it please Your L^dsh^ps
Your Lordships most Obed^t
and most humble Serv^ts
Signed by order of the Govr & Council
Chas Hart Sec^ty

Charles Town In
South Carolina
Septr the 4th 1724

Rec^d 27th Octr 1724
Read



B.P.R.O. a+W.I. Vol. 18 p. 69

(24 Oct. 1724.)

Most Noble Lord,

The Great and Laudable Character you bear, Induced me to Offer these, wherein I most humbly begg leave to inform your Grace, that I am the only surviving Son of Mr James Barry deceased, who was one of those faithful Ministers, that opposed the Proceedings of King James the Second in the Kingdom of Ireland, and for his Zealously vindicating the right of the Protestant Interest and the cause of King William (of Blessed memory) was Violently Prosecuted, by the said King James, who Seizd on all his Interests, Issuing out a Warrant with a very considerable Reward for his Head and although he was advised by several Worthy Persons to apply himself unto the said King William (from whom he would undoubtedly have found Relief) Yet he chose to live a Private and Studious Life until his Death, rather than make his Distressed case known

This great Misfortune (May it Please your Grace) was the Occasion of my being turn'd out Empty handed into the Wide World, having only a small share of Education and was also the reason of my coming into this Province (where I have been a Serviceable

Inhabitant

Inhabitant almost 25 years and have mett with Little or no Encouragement from the Discontented Inhabitants thereof.

I therefore Represented my Case, unto the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, requesting the favr of him to be a means of Recomending me to the Kings most Gracious Favour, that he would most Humbly be Pleas'd, to bestow on me His Poor Subject, some Place of Sustenance; And (I suppose) out of Respect to my family and the Memory of my Wifes Deceased Relations, His Grace was pleased to favr me with a very kind Letter, wherein he Returned me his good Wishes and put me in a right way of Applying myself. which was to the Secretary of State &c.

Now, my Noble Lord, Since it is So, that my aforesaid Father hath Lost his all, in a Loyal and Honble Cause, the true Loyalty that hath appear'd in many of my Relations, amongst whom, was my Grand Father, that was Lord Arch Bishop of Dublin and also his Brother a Noted Peer and Lord Chief Justice of the aforesaid Kingdom of Ireland; The Like Stedfast Adherence is continued down to my Kinsman, the Present Lord Santry and Several others of my family who have Expressed their Zeal, for

for the safety of His Majesty and the Present Govermt
And in consideration whereof, I do most Humbly Presume
to Request the favour of Yor Grace, that you would be
Pleased, to consider my Necessitous condition in Recom mend
-ing me unto the favour of His Sacred Majesty, that
he would Humbly be Pleas'd, to confer on me his Loyal
Subject, some Place of Benefit, either in this Province or
elsewhere, if His said Majesty is Pleas'd to think me
Deserving of His Royal Bounty: which would be a great
support unto me and my Poor Wife, who is the only
Daughter of Doctr Bartholomew Wormell Deceased, that
was Chaplain in Extraordinary to King Charles the Second
and a Prebend of Westminster &c. Her Grand father was
Dean of St Pauls London &c and related to the Duke of
Chandois's Family; Her Grandmother and the Deceased
Duke of Buckingham, were Brothers children, and through
Casualties and Misfortunes she lost all, Save only a
fine Education, which is still retain'd; So that We are
oblig'd to take abundance of Pains, day and Night
to maintain One another, Her friends and Chief Acquain
-tance being all Dead, some of whom were the Honble
Sr James Butler her God Father, The Rt Honble and Revd
Doctor Henry Compton Lord Bishop of London and the
Lord Bishop of Rochester who had a great value for
her

her Father, they standing Godfather to all his sons and if they with other Persons of Rank and Quality were now Living, We should not want their Recommendation.

I further Humbly Request the favor of Yor Grace, to permit me Leave, to inclose to you a Copy of my Lord Primats Lettr to me and also a Copy of the Certificate belonging to my said Wifes Father, that your Grace may be Pleas'd to be Sensable, that our Predecesstrs hath been persons of some Note and Esteem and that the aforesaid Lord Arch Bishop of Canterbury is Pleas'd to think me deserving of His Royal Majestys favr and if it was in his Power, would be very willing to serve me, in his Recommendation.

I could Produce several Persons, to render my Character unto Yor Grace, but not being willing to intrude on Yor Graces Patience have only presented this Letter by the Hand of an Honest, Loyal young Gentleman who can give an Account of me, if Yor Grace is Pleased to requr it.

Thus, having been Troublesom, I do most humbly Crave your Grace's Pardon, for this long Digression Offer'd by him, who heartily desires, that as your Grace hath been a great Instrument of doing Good so Yor Grace may be continued very long, for the Administrating of much more, both for the Safety of His Sacred Majesty and the Three Kingdoms in General and that you may be rewarded for the same here and hereafter is the Sincear and fervent Prayer of

Charles Town in South Carolina. Octobr 24th 1724.

My Noble Lord
Your Graces most Humble and most obedient Servant to Command
Joseph Barry.

B.P.R.O. A + W.I. Vol. 18. f. 70.

Inclosures to Letter from Joseph Barry Esq dated Charlestown Octob^r 24. 1724.

These are to Certify That Bartholomew Normell, is Sworn and Admitted One of His Majesty's Chaplains in Extraordinary, To Enjoy all Rights and Priveledges thereto belonging.

Given under my Hand and Seal this 24th of May 1666. In the Eighteenth of His Majesty's Reign

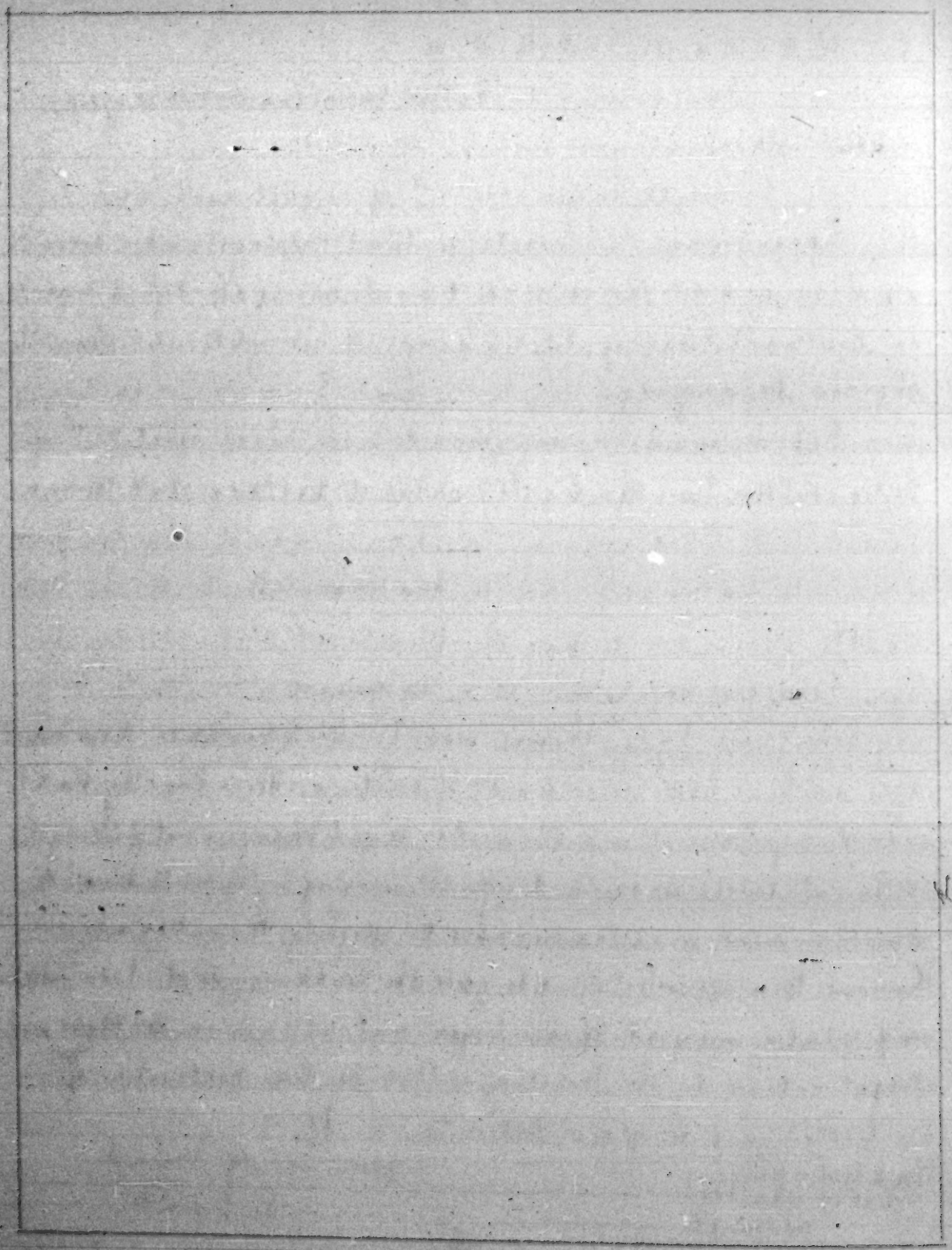
Manchester.

Sr

I shall always esteem it a Happiness to be able to be [friend] omitted any Honest and Industrious man in his necessities: And much more such as have Deserved well of the King or their Country. But indeed my Interest in such matters as you Propose is not of Strength sufficient to be serviceable to you. It is out of my Proper Business to meddle in such matters, nor will His Majesty's Ministers whose Province these affairs belong to, give the least way to it. I can therefore only return my good Wishes to you; and put you in the Right way of Application by the Secretary of State for those parts where you are Settled; and for ye rest Subscribe Sr

Lambeth House
Oct. 4. 1724
Mr Joseph Barry &c

your Loving Friend
W. Cant.



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South Carolina Octob.r 31. 1724

Honble Sr

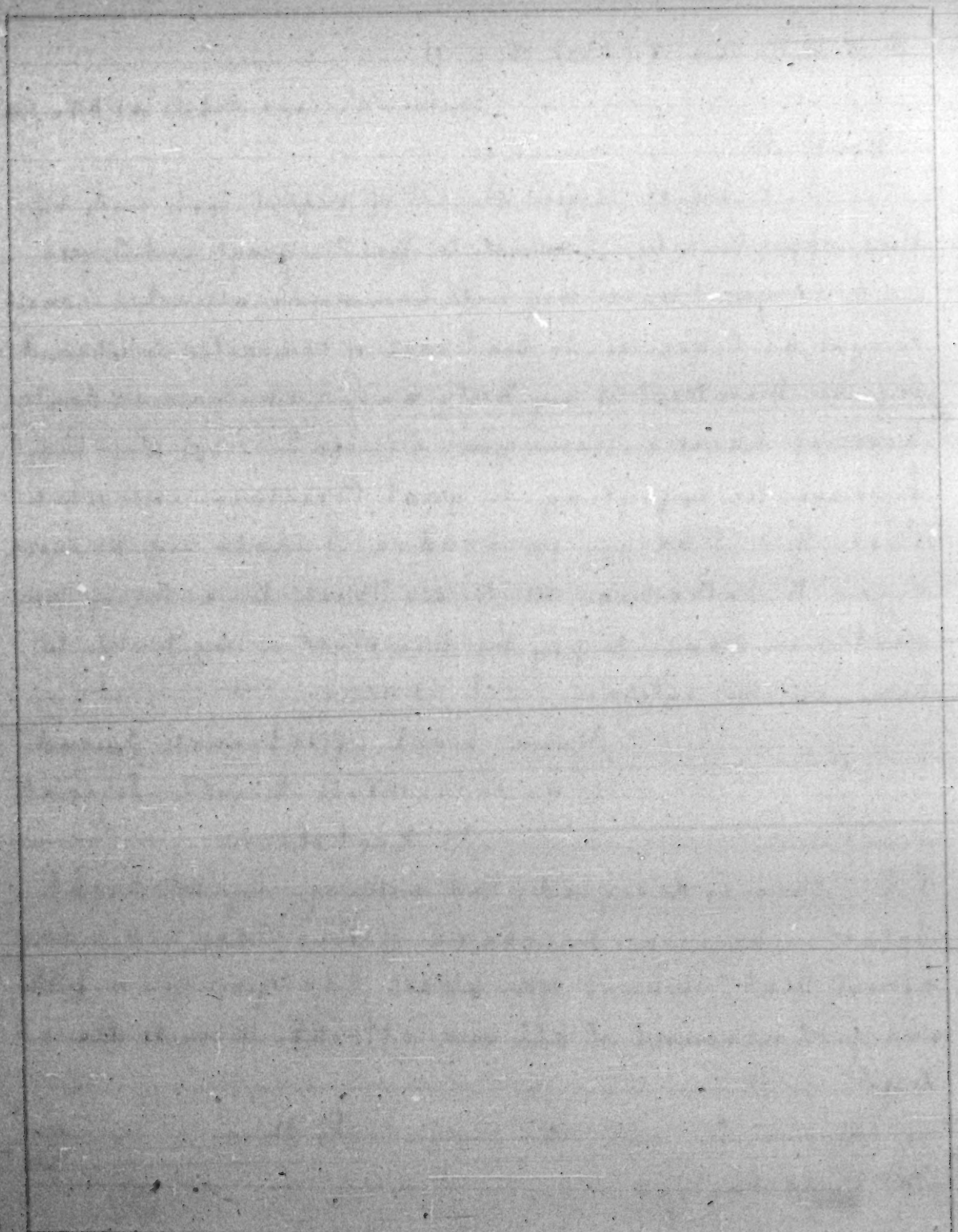
I writt to yow the 8th of August last and by this opperturnity I writt to Messrs Yonge and Eyres and if you Please they will communicate what I writt to you as likewise to his Grace of Newcastle to whom I beg the Humblest of my Duty and I am now in dayly hopes of having from your Office his Majestys Royal Lycence for my going to great Brittain and when Please God I arrive in London I shall beg the favor of you to Introduce me to his Grace the Duke of New-castle in Order to pay the Humblest of my Duty to him in the interim I remain

Your most affectionate Friend and faithfull Humble Servant
Fr Nicholson

P.S. This is designed (God willing) by Mr Richd Splatt who is a Merchant of this Place and a very honest Gentn who if you please can give you a full and just account of all our affairs being so desired by

F. N.

Mr De la Fay



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South Carolina October the 30th 1720

May it Please your Lordships

I hope in God your Lordships have rec[t] my Letters the last being of the 8th of Septemb[r] with the Duplicates And I hereuth Transmitt to your Lordships four Papers Concerning paper bills &c by which your Lordships may please to see the True State of that Affair And in N[o] (A) is a Copy of a Minute of Council of the 27th Instant for a Special Council on the 9th of November next at which time I design that the £10 300 remaining of the old bills be burnt & I shall take care that the remainder of the £ 18000 Bank money be burnt when they are paid in which I hope will be all done by the Later End of February next and by the Treasurers Acco[t] Your Lordships may please to see that £ 380 are to be Sent the next Month & I shall take care that they be then burnt

I was very much Surpriyed to find y[t] some Merch[ts] (as they call themselves) had Petitioned to his Most Sacred Majesty against me, I shall not now Trouble Your Lordships with any particular defence of my self because I hope (God willing) personally to do it; but I should fail in my Duty to his most Sacred Majesty

Majesty if I did not inform your Lordships that it my Humble Opinion that if all the bills Should be destroyed at Once it would put the Country into the Utmost Confusion & likewise that the Trade of this his Majesties Province cannot be carryed on without Some paper Credit but Whether the Sum will be 40, 50, or 60,000 £ is most Humbly Submitted to your Lordps great Wisdome When the Council meets I shall lay this Affair before them as likewise the Copy of the Merchts Petition with the Grand Jurors Address to his Most Sacred Majesty &c And then I Suppose his Majesties Honble Council will humbly Represent that Affair and I herewith Transmitt to your Lordships a Copy of the Grand Iurys Address to his most Sacred Majesty with Copys of their Addresses to me, here is another Ship designed to Sail this day or to Morow by which I intend (God willing) to Transmitt to your Lordsps the Original

We have lately had a very Uncommon Accidt Some of the Proceedings of which I humbly Transmitt to Your Lordsps concerning the Murther of One Capt Simmons, his Majesties Attorney General will as soon as possible draw up a State of the Tryal & then it Shall be Transmitted to Your Lordsps

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I thank God we have now & for two Months past had Extraordinary fine Weather which hath and will I hope Enable the Planters to gett in all their Crops.

I herewith Transmitt to your Lordships my Naval Officers List of Shipping N° (6) & N° (7) is a List of Vessells now in Harbour by which your Lord^{ps} may please to see the State of Our Trade.

That what I now do my self the Hon^{r} of writing & Sending to your Lord^{ps} will be Approved of Are the hopes of him who is

Your Lord^{ps}

Most Obliged Obed^{t}

R^{t} Honble Lords of Trade &c & Faithfull humble Servt

Fr Nicholson

P. S. — I humbly begg Your Lord^{ps} will be pleased to be referred to the Act of Assembly to their Addresses to his Most Sacred Majesty and my Letters to y^{r} Lord^{ps} Concerning the Printed Bills all which have formerly been Transmitted to your Lord^{ps} by me.

I have been informed that some of those who Signed the Petition against the bills & have little or no Legal Trade to this Province.

I have been likewise told that m^{r} Saml Fragg Merch^{t}

Merch[t] in London is more concerned in Trade to this his Majesties Province then all the Petit[rs] & that his Brother here with Mess[rs] Gibbon & Allen are by farr the greatest Traders here.

I am sorry for my Old Friend & acquaintance M[r] John Lloyd would be so Bubled (to give it no Worse an Epithet) by his Factors here wch I hope (God willing) to make Appear. I am likewise Sorry that my Old Acquaintaince M[r] John Hyde who I think I remember Master of a Small Sink (when I was Governour of Virginia and Maryland) belonging to his Master the late Sam[l] Groom, And I think I may venture to say that I was Assisting to his Interest in both those places and I believe those two Gent[n] are not much Younger then my self & if I am Grown old I thank God it hath been in Serving my Prince and Country ever since the Year 167⅞ but Whether those Two Gent or any of the Petit[rs] have so done I much Question but rather think that it hath been (Especially by some of them) in heaping up riches & (et may be) they dont know who shall gather them.

I had the Misfortune of being falsely Turned out of my Government of Virginia and as basely Hyed out of that of Nova Scotia Annapolis Royal &c & I cant

cant but think that these Petit^rs have the same Designe against me but I hope (through the Divine Assistance) to be able to make it Appear that they or some of them are the Criminals & not

Your Lordp^s
Most Obed^t
Faithfull humble Servt
Jn Nicholson

Recēd Decr ye 23^d
Read Novem^r 18th 1725 } 1724

B P R O South Carolina B T Vol 2 B 101

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty

The humble Petic̃on of yor Majestyes most Dutyfull & Loyall Subjects the Grand Inquest for the Body of this yor Majestyes Province of South Carolina now met at Charles Towne at the Generall Sessions Goale Delivery.

Humbly Shewing

That yor Peticoners are informed that certaine Merchants Trading to this yor Majestyes Province have lately exhibited to yor Majestye theire Petic̃on complaining of the many hardshups they have laboured under on occasion of the Stamping & printing paper Bills of Credit in this Province, and that such Bills have been imposed upon the Traders & Inhabitants here by your Majestyes Governour & Assembly in Satisfaccon of theire Merchandizes & Effectes.

We doe hereby most humbly Beg leave to Represent to yor Majestye That the Issueing out the paper Bills above mencon'd was in noe wise the Occasion of the Rise of the Produce of this Province, but that when the said Bills were Issued from time to time, this Province was under an inviterble necessity to pay forces Suddenly raised on very emergent Occasions & that when the

greater

greater part of them were Issued, It was on Account of the fatall Indian Warr when there was noe sufficient Quantity of Gold & Silver & there could be noe Publick Loanes, because the Entire Destruccon of the Country was at that time feared by every one

As an Example of what we have humbly taken leave to Set forth to yor Majestye, When a very large Some was Sunck in the Yeare 1717 Rice advanced to the price of foure pounds p hundred, & Pitch to the same price p Barrell, And in the Yeares 1719 & 1720 when 30^lb^ooo, in Bills were Printed Rice fell to 40^s p hundred & Pitch to 40^s p Barrell.

That yor Peticom^rs doubt not but it will be made appeare to yor Majestye by this Province that the Merchants can receive no damage by the Bills or paper money complained of, for that they have advanced on theire Sterling Invoices from 700^lb^ to 1200^lb^ p Cent for these Nine yeares past, But if yor Majestye should be pleased to Order that Proclamacon money should be the only Currency in this Province, they will gaine 200^lb^ or 300^lb^ p Cent Sterling on theire prime Cost, Wee humbly hope & conceive that the Orders transmitted hither by theire Excellencys the Lords Regents to yor Maj^tie^ Govern^r & Assembly here have been duely complyed with as neare as the necessity

of

of this Province would permit

Yo^r Petitioners therefore most humbly pray yor Majestie to Suspend yor Royall Consideracon on the Subject matter of the said Petition untill this Province can have an Opportunity to transmitt proper Vouchers to Support not only what is above alleaged, but also what may be necessary to be Offered to yor Majestye for the Interest of this part of Yo^r Majestyes Dominions

And yor Majestys most Dutyfull & Loyall Subjects (as in Duty Bound) Shall ever pray &c

Jno Raven.	Noah Serre.	Daniel Luger freeman.
William Belinger.	Elisha Prioleau.	John Croft.
Francis Ladson.	Sam Eveleigh.	Peter Catell.
Peter Villepontoux.	Wm Wallace.	Anth^y Bonneau.
Will Smith.	Richd Smith.	John Cawood.
Samuel West.	Arthur Hall.	Thos Elliott.
		Hen Seymer.

Recorded in the Book of Records of Miscellaneous Papers belonging to the Court of General Sessions & Gaol Craftsville &c. } Letter A.

Recd Decr 23^d 1724

Read Novem^r 18th 1725

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(28th October 1724)

The Commissr Appointed by two Acts of the Generall Assembly for reprinting the present Curt paper Bills of Credit Ratified february 23d 1722 and by one other Act Ratified february 15th 1723 Intituled an Act for Calling in and Sinking the paper Bills do Report Wee have Burnt In the presence of his Excellency the Govern. & a Committee of Both Houses at Sundry times Vizt 1723

May 15th	Burnt in Sundry Bills	£ 7629. 9. 9
June 28.	Ditto	7709. 16. 6
Augt 14.	Ditto	9617. 14. 7½
Octr 3.	Ditto	17702. 12. 6
Mar 12.	Ditto	6305. 10. —
1724 June 6	Ditto	4047. 15. —
Sepr 10th	Ditto	2045. 12. 6
		£ 55138. 16. 10½

Since the above Bills were Burnt have Exchanged Sundry Bills wch lies in the Commissrs hands ready for Burning the Sum of 10300. — —

Summ Totall being £ 65438. 16. 10½

Sixty five thousand four hundred thirty Eight Pounds sixteen Shillings & ten pence half penny

Charles Town Octob the 28th 1724 I Hepworth

Recvd Decr 29th 1726
Read Novr 11th 1725

B P R O South Carolina B T Vol 2 B 108

(20th October 1734)

To His Excell.y Francis Nicholson Esq.r his Maj.ties Capt Gen.l & Comander in Chief in & over this his Maj.ties Province of South Carolina.

The Humble Address of the Petit Jurors returned to Serve the Court of Gen.l Sessions & Goal Delivery of this Province held at Charles Town the Six and Twentieth day of Octo.r 1734.

May it Please your Excell.y

The Court of Gen.l Sessions having Communicated to us that a Petition has been lately preferred to his Majesty by some Merchants in Great Brittain against the paper Currency of this Province & also laid before us an humble Petition to his Majesty from the Grand Jurors for the body of this Province for suspending his Royal Consideration on the Subject Matter of the said Petition til this Province can be heard thereupon together with the Address of the said Grand Jurors to your Excell.y for Transmitting the said Petition to Great Brittain.

We do hereby most Earnestly & heartily Joyn with the said Grand Jurors in their said Address to to your Excell.y that you would be pleased to Transmitt the

the said Petition to Great Brittain in Order to have its desired Effect which will be a further Demonstration of your Excell.cy care and Zeal for the true Interest of this his Majties Province & a Perpetual Obligation on

Your Excell.cy Most Faithfull
humble Serv.ts

John White	Tho.s Satur foreman
Tho.s Ashby	Joseph Drumson
Sam.l Kigfall	Tho.s Baker
Jos. Bryan	Nathan White
In.o Hamilton	Abrah.m Bunley
Gedion faucheraud	Rob.t Taylor

Recorded in the book of Records of Miscellanious papers belonging to the Court of General Sessions & Law Courtlielle Clk. C. } Letter A.

To

To His Excell.y Francis Nicholson Esq.r his
Majties Capt Gen.l & Comander in Chief in &
over this his Majties Province of South Carolina

The Humble Address of the Chief Justice and
Assistant Judges met at the Court of Gen.l Sessions
& Goal Delivery for this Province held at Charles Town
by Virtue of his Ma.ty Comission.

May it Please your Excell.y

It having been communicated to us at this
Gen.l Sessions that a Petition has been lately presented
in Great Brittain to his Most Sacred Majesty by
some Merchants there against the paper Currency of
this Province & the Grand Jurors for the body of this
Province having laid before us their humble Petition
to his Ma.ty for Suspending his Royal Consideration
on the Subject Matter of the said Merchants Petition
til this Province can be heard thereupon, And the
said Grand Jurors & the Petit Jurors at this Session
having found it Necessary to Address your Excell.y
for Transmitting the said Petition to Great Brittain.

We do most humbly Represent to your Excell.y
that we have Perused & Considered the said Grand Juns
Petition to his Majesty, and do hereby (for the reasons
therein Contained) most heartily & Earnestly Join with them

in

in desireing that yr Excellcy would with all Convenient Speed Transmitt the said Petition that it may receive its desired Effect for the General good & true Interest of this his Majesties Province which we are Assured your Excellcy has at heart as well as

Your Excellcy Most Faithfull
Humble Servts

I. Hepworth
Alex: Parris
Geo. Smith
John Benhedale

Recorded in the book of Records of Miscellanious papers belonging to the Court of General Sessions } Letter A.

of Law Coulliette Clk. Co

To His Excell.y Francis Nicholson Esq.r his Majties Captain Gen.l & Gov.r in Chief in and over his Majties Province of South Carolina

The Humble Address of the Grand Inquest for the Body of his Majties Province of South Caroline now mett at Charles Town at the Gen.l Sessions and Goal Delivery

May it Please your Excellency

We have taken leave to Petition his most Sacred Majesty to suspend the hearing of the Petition lately Preferred to his Majesty by some Merchants against the Paper Currency.

We therefore humbly pray y.r Excellency that you'll be pleased to cause the said Petition to be Transmitted to Great Brittain that it may meet with its desired Effect which will greatly Add to the Obligations your Excellency has conferred on this Province and will be a favour done to

Your Excell.y Most Faithfull & Obed.t Serv.ts

Henry Toomer
John Raven
H.r Bellinger
Franc.s Ladson
Dan.l Huger foreman
Elisha Prioleau
Sam.l Eveleigh
Wm Wallace
Peter

Peter Villepontoux	Richd Smith
Will Smith	Arthur Hall
Saml West	John Croft
Noah Serre	Peter Cattell
Anth: Bonneau	John Cawood
	Thos Elliott

Recorded in the book of Records of Miscellanious papers belonging to the Court of General Sessions } Letter A.

ff Lau Coulliette Clk C.

Recd Decr 23d 1724
Read Novr 18th 1725

B P R O. South Carolina B T Vol 2 B109.

(16th October 1724)

To the Kings Most Excellt Majesty

The Humble Petition of the Sevl Merchts and Traders to South Carolina who's Names are hereunto Subscribed in behalf of themselves & many others of the Inhabitants & Traders in that Province

Humbly Sheweth

That there has been of late certain paper money Imposed upon the Traders & Inhabitants of that Province by the Govr & his Assembly which they were compelled to take in Satisfacon of all their Merchandizes and Effects & for promoting the Credit of this paper money the Govt of that Province promised the same should be called in, & made good in proper Speice there

But instead of that they took upon them greatly to Encrease & Establish the same to the Amt of more then £120.000 by wch means it was so much diminished in Value that 100 of those bills would not produce £100 Sterl

That ye Petrs having Suffered very much by these indirect practices & the presl Govr Mr Nicholson Contrary to his Instructions having permitted a bill to be brought

brought in for ye Establishing more paper money many of the most Considerable Inhabitants in behalf of themselves & of ye Petrs & others Applyed by Petition in the most humble manner to ye Govr & his Assembly praying that such a bill might not pass or that they might first be heard against it, but instead of hearing them they were pleased to Comit 29 of the Petrs to Prison & made an Order or Resolution that they should not be discharged til they had paid a Sum upwards of £1200, upon pretence of Extraordinary Fees wch they paid before they could Obtain their discharge & the Govt past the Act of Assembly for Encreasing the Paper money Whereby ye Petrs lost ye greatest part of what was due to them by the Large discount upon those bills which Immediately followed the passing this Act Whereupon ye Petrs humbly Applyed to ye Majty for Redress & ye Majty was Graciously pleased to Order that the Lords Comissrs of Trade should Enquire into & Report the State of that Matter to ye Majty in Council which they did Accordingly, & upon their Report an Order of Council was made repealing the Two Severl Acts therein Mentioned which had been passed under the Administracon of the present Govr to Establish 57205 to paper money & by a Subsequent Order further

directions

directions were given to the Govr Mr Nicholson forbiding him to Encrease the Currency of paper money upon any pretence whatsoever & yr Petrs did not doubt but the Govr would have given due Obedience to your Mas Orders but instead of that he past an Act for Sinking the Bills by a Duty only upon Imported goods by wch a Burthen is laid upon the British Manufactures and is so Uncertain in its Nature that it will be many Years before such Debts posibly be Satisfyed dureing which time the bills continueing Current fell lower in Value and thereby are become a greater grevance to your Majties Petrs then they were before & your Majestys Orders for Relief of your Petrs are Evaded & Rendered Ineffectual.

And in further Contempt to the aforesd Order of Council £5000 of the old paper Credit called Bank Notes which by former Acts were to have been Sunk in Two Years are now Issued out againe promiscuously with the other bills to be paid off by the Uncertainty of the money Arising from the Dutys Imposed by the aforesaid Act, All which proceedings Your Petrs Humbly begg leave to represent to your Majesty as Manifestly Tending to the ruin of your Petrs and the Destruction of the Trade of that Province which will

will be intirely lost if not Speedily prevented by your Majties Great Wisdome and goodness the pres.t Govern.r having in further discouragem.t of that Trade detained Ships in their passage to other parts & opened and Searched in a Vexatious manner every parcell of their goods Notwithstanding they had permitts from the proper Officers of your Majties Customs in that part from whence they came & destroyed those permitts in lieu of which he took upon himself to give Permitts of his own by which their Ships & Cargoes were lyable to be Seiyed and Forfeited.

And has also frequently broke open the Letters of the Inhabitants of that Collony by w.ch the Correspondence and Consequently the Trade thereof is very much Obstructed the Masters of Ships having in an Unwarrantable manner been Confined by his Order & have had illegall Oaths imposed upon them but the Gov.r in breach of the Trust reposed in him all which your Petit.rs are ready to prove together with many other Mismanagem.ts of the Present Gov.r which tend very much to the Prejudice of Your Majties good Subj.ts the Inhabitants & Traders in that Province.

Therefore Your Petit.rs most humbly pray that

Your

Your Majestie would be graciously pleased to take these their Great hardships & Oppressions into Your Royal Consideration and Grant them relefe by Recalling the Present Govr Mr Nicholson who by Reason of his Advanced Age is rendered incapable of discharging the Trust reposed in him or in such other manner as your Majesty in your great Wisdome & Justice shall think most Proper

And Your Petitrs Shall ever pray

Ste Godin	Jacob Satur
John Payne	David Godin
Thos Lane	James Maintree
John Yaldwyn	I Morgan
John Hyde	John Lloyd
Samt Buck	Isaac Trion

In Council Octob
the 11th 1724

South Carolina Charles Town Octb 21 1724

The Whitehall Evening post from Tuesday Augt the 11th to Thursday Augt 13th 1724 Sigt

We hear that Genl Nicholson Govern of South Carolina is sent for over to Answer some Compts of Certain Merchants Trading into those parts.

The Whitehall Evening post from Saturday Augt 15th

15th to Thursday Augt 18th 1720 Vizt

We are Assured that it was said by Mistake in the Publick News papers that General Nicholson was sent for to Answer some Compltes made against him; but he is coming home for Six Monthe Pursuant to his own Petition

Recvd Decr 29th 1720

Read Novr 11th 1720

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(12th Oct. 1724)

To his Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq his Majesties Captain Genl Govr & Comander in Chief in & over his Majesties Province of South Carolina

May it please your Excellency

By Virtue of his Majesties Comissions of Oyer & Terminer & Goal Delivery to us directed bearing date the Twenty third day of September last Michael Brineau Peter Dutartre John Dutartre Daniel Dutartre & Peter Rembert were Indicted Arraigned Tryed & Convicted of the Murder of Peter Simmons Esq whereupon the Court pronounced against them the following Sentence Viz That the said Michael Brineau Peter Dutartre Daniel Dutartre John Dutartre & Peter Rembert should be lead from thence (Viz) the Court to the place from whence they came & from thence to the place of Execution where they should be Severally hanged by the Neck until they are dead

Which we humbly Certify to your Excellency that Execution may be done thereupon

T. Hepworth
Alexander Parris
John Barksdale
George

A True Copy. p
Law Cotillette Clk C

George by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c To the Provost Marshal of our Province of South Carolina Whereas it hath been Certifyed to Our Gov[r] Captain Gen[l] & Comander in Chief in & over our said Province by Thomas Hepworth Alexander Parris & John Barksdale Esq[rs] That by virtue of our Comissions of Oyer & Terminer & Goal Delivery to them directed bearing date the Twenty third day of September last past Michael Boineau Peter Dutartre John Dutartre Daniel Dutartre & Peter Rembert were Indicted Arraigned & Convicted of the Murder of Peter Simmons Esq[r] And that by the Court holden by virtue of the said Comissions on the Twenty ninth day of September last past Continued by diverse Asjournments to the first day of this Instant October then next following that the said Michael Boineau Peter Dutartre John Dutartre Daniel Dutartre & Peter Rembert Should be Severally Hanged until they Should be dead We do hereby Strictly charge & comand you that on the Ninth day of this Instant October you Cause the said Judgement to be Executed on Michael Boineau Peter Dutartre & Peter Rembert between the Hours of Eight of the Clock in the forenoon & five of the Clock in the afternoon of the same

same day at the Plantation late belonging to the said Peter Dulartre in the Parish of St Thomas & St Denis in Berkly County in the Province aforesaid exactly at the Place where the Murder aforesaid was comitted And that on the Twelfth day of this Instant October you cause the said Judgment to be Executed on the said John Dulartre & Daniel Dulartre between the Hours of Nine of the Clock in the forenoon & one of the Clock in the Afternoon of the same day at Charles Town in the County & Province aforesaid Witness Our Trusty and well beloved Francis Nicholson Esqr Captain Genl & Comander in Chief in & over Our Province of South Carolina & vice Admiral of the same Given under our Publick Seal of our said Province the Seventh day of October in the Eleventh Year of Our Reign Annoq Domini 1724.

Jno (LS) Nicholson

A True Copy p Law Coulliette Clk C

South

South Carolina Ss

By his Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq
Captain Genl & Govr in Chief in & over the
said Province & Vice Admirel of the Same

To the Provost Marshal

The within mentioned John Dutartre & Daniel Dutartre having by Petition made Application & humble Suit to me for a Pardon or Reprieve or otherwise as I should think fitt which having been Reffered to the Honble the Chief Justice & Assistant Judges who have recomended them as Objects of Mercy. I have therefore thought fitt to Reprieve them for a Time, And do hereby in his Majesties Name suspend the Execution of their Sentence till further Order Notwithstanding the within Warrant or any other former Precept Fail not of Complying with this as you will Answer the Contrary at your Perril Given under my hand this 12th day of October 1720 in the Eleventh year of his Majesties Reign

Fr Nicholson

By his Excellencys Comands
Chas Hart Sec.y

Recd Octr 21st 1720

Read Novr 18th 1725

A True Copy &
Lau Coullette Cla. L

B. P. R. O. South Carolina B. T. Vol 2 Bill

(27th October 1724)

South Carolina

We the Present Comissioners Appointed By two Acts of the General Assembly (One Ratified the 15th of february 1723 and the other the 25th of March 1724) To Receive and Cancel the Interest mony due to the Publick By virtue of the Bank Act Ratified 9th 7th of June 1712 Report As followeth Viz^t

That We have Received and Burnt in Current Bills of this Province, the Sum of five thousand Seven hundred & Seven Pounds Seven Shillings & Sixpence — £5707. 7. 6

And that there is due to the Publick for last Years interest and former Arrears three hundred thirty Eight Pounds ten Shillings for which Execution is Granted — 338. 10. —

And there is four thousand Pounds more due from Several Persons by their bonds & Mortgages On their Real and Personal Estates to be Paid In February next 1724 wch Compleats ye whole Sum of fourty eight thousand Pounds to be paid in twelve years according to the Tenour of the said Bank Act — 4000. — —

Octob^r ye 27th 1724
Recd Decr 28th 1724
Read Novr 11th 1725

Thos Nairne
Andrew Allen

B. P. R. O. South Carolina B. T. Vol 2 B 112

(27th October 1724).

To Duty of Sundry Goods and Mdchandize Imported from yr 15th Tebur to yr 15th day of August is 6 mos Amting to	£ 3197. 17. 11½
To Duty of Sundry Negroes Imported from Affrica and A Merrica Amting to in 5 Time	£ 4083. — —
To Duty of Leather and hides Exported in 5 Time Amting to	£ 97. 10. 10
	£ 7380. 2. 9½

Carolina Memorandm.

The Above Sum of Seven Thousand three hundred and Eighty pds Twelve Shill 9½ is to be Sunk on yr 10th day of Novembr next the Reason that they were not on yr 15th day of Augst past the Law gives three Months Credit to yr Mdchants or any other psons Importing Negros before yr Duty becomes due October yr 27th 1724

A Parris Treasr

Recd Decr yr 23d 1724

Read Novr yr 18th 1725

B. P. R.O South Carolina B T Vol 2 B 113

(20th October 1724)

1724 An Accot of Negros Imported in the following Vessells Arivd from Affrica

July 24 Capt Albert Muller Enters in the Duggantine American Thomas Marshall Comandr Vizt

Men and Women	97	
Boyes and Girles	19	116 Negros

Ditto Enters of the Ship Grey hound Galley Edward Nalden Comander Vizt

Men and Women	138	
Boys and Girles	29	117 Ditto

Joseph Fragy Enters of the Ship Ruby James Craige Comandr Vizt

Men and Women	24	
Boys and Girles	3	

Messrs Gibbons and Allen Enters of Sd Craige

Men and Women	71	
Boys and Girles	7	112 Ditto

Sepr 29 Joseph Fragg Enters of the Ship Cape Coast Peter Fraussa Comander Vizt

Men and Women	112	
Boys and Girles	3	

Capt

2 11 4

Capt Peter Trenisa Enters of Sd Ship
Men and Women 10
Girls 1 126 Ditto

Octob. 20th Charles Hill Esqr Enters of yr Ship
Pearle Galley Sahin Hughes Comand. Viz.t
Men and Women about 153
Boys and Girles about 40 193 Ditto

734 Negros

So Carolina

memorand.m The Above is a Just Acc.o of What Negros Hath bin Imported from Affrica Octob.r yr 20th 1724

632 Men & Women Duty 10 p head £ 6320
102 Boys and Girles under Ten years of Age at 5 p head 510
£ 6830

A. Parris Treasn.r

Recd Dec.r yr 23d 1724
Read Nov.r yr 18th 1725

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(3d October 1724)

South Carolina Port of

1724	Thomas Jadeden Coll.r of His Majesty's Customs Dr				
June 25th	To Ball.e due to his Majesty in Sterling Money	Sterling			
		£	14	2	3

South Carolina ss

Council Chamber Octob.r 3. 1724

Sworn to before me

Jr Nicholson

Charles Town

1724. ff Contra Cr

July 10th	By Cash paid Mr Richd Wigg five pounds Carolina Money for one reame of paper for ye use of the Custom House in Sterling	£	1 . —	. —
7ber 29th	By Cash paid mr Richd Wigg for a quarters rent of a roome for the Custom House due this day fifteen pounds Carolina Money at 100 p Ct Discount is Sterling	£	3 . —	. —
			4 . —	. —
	Bill due to his Majesty this 29th 7ber 1724. in Sterling Money		10 . 2	. 3
		£	14 . 2	. 3

Octo 3: 1724
Thos Gadsden Coll

Recd Decr 23d 1724
Read Novr 18th 1725

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South Carolina Octr 30th 1724

A List of Papers to ye Rt Honble Ld Commissrs of Trade &c wth a Letter.

1 The Bank Commissrs Report of £48,000 to be paid in 12 years

2 The Treasurers of £330 to be burnt or Sunck on the 10th of Novr 1724.

3 Commissrs for Reprinting the Bills Report of — — — — — — — — — — } £5138. 18. 10½

burnt and of — — — — — — — — — — 10300. — —

£15438. 18. 10½

4 The Treasurs account of Negroes Imported from Affrica from July 24th 1724

A Copy Minuts of Council of the 27th Instant Octob:

5 Papers relating to the Murther of Capt Simmons

6 Naval Officers List from June 24th to Sept 29th 1724

7 List of the Vessells in the Harbours of Charles Town the 28th of October 1724

A Grand Jurors Address to his most Sacred Majty

B Merchants Memorial to his most Sacred Majesty

C Address from the Grand and Petit Jurors and Supream Court to the Govr

Memorandm

Instead

Instead of ye Naval Offices Lists are ye Collects Do
acct and Lists of Entring ye Clearing
Fr Nicholson

Recd Dec. 23d 1724
Read Nov. 18th 1725

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South Carolina Octo^r 31st 1726

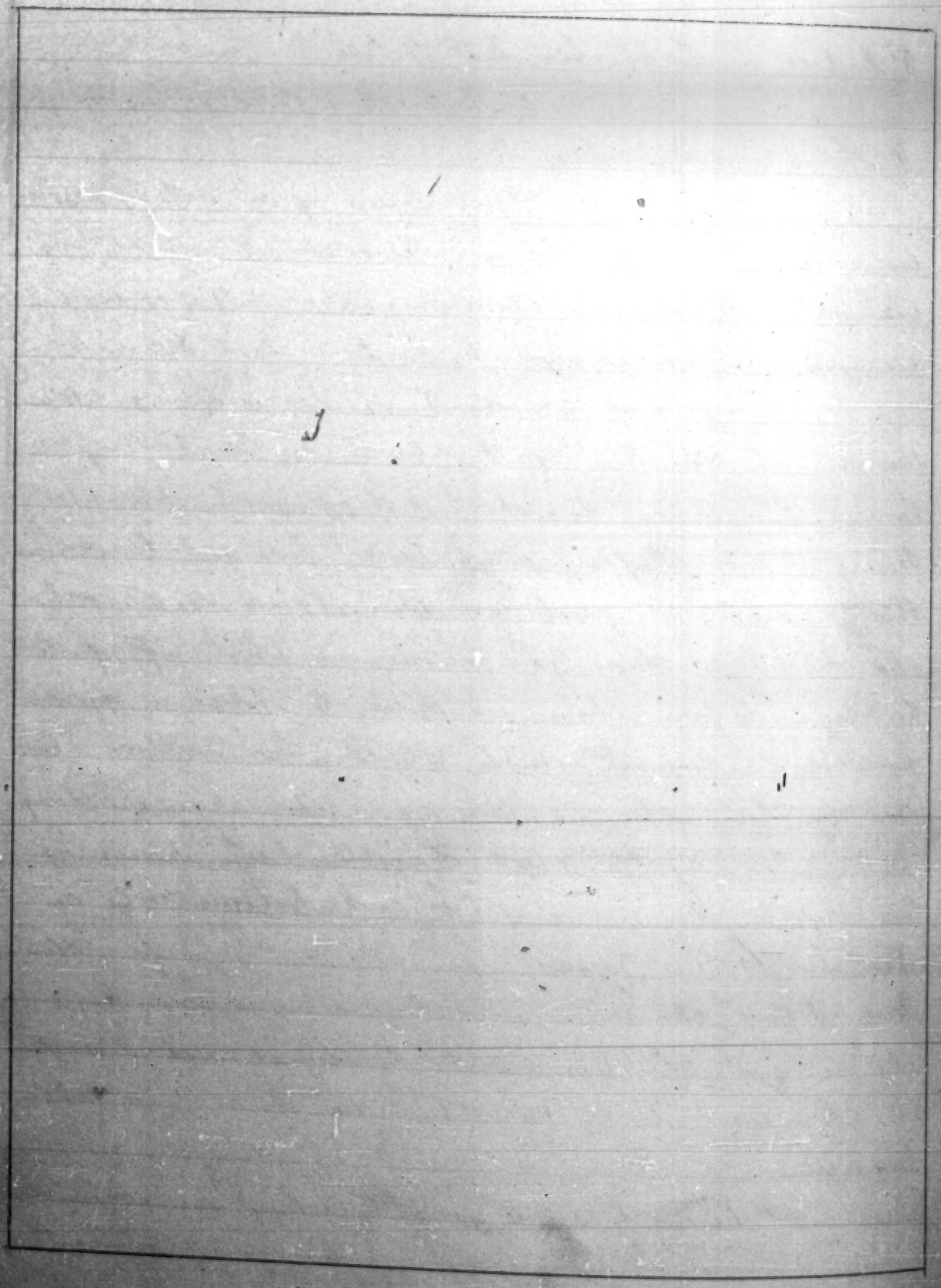
Honble S^r

I lately recd Yo^r Letter of ye 20th of April last with the copy of a Memorial to Monsr de Chamorel. What was done in that affair was done in the Assembly which Sate last February and I did my Self ye Hono^r of Transmitting the Journal to the R^t Honble the Lords Comiss^rs for Trade & Plantations to which I begg you'l please at Present to be Refferred. I have Summond his ma^ts Honble Council to meet on the Ninth of ye next Month And then Yo^r Letter and that affair shall be layd before them in order to Send a more particular Answer which Shall (God willing) be done by him who is

Yo^r most Humble Servt

Fr. Nicholson

Rec^d Jan^ry 27th 1724/5
Read Novr 18th 1726



B. P. R. O. South Carolina B. T. Vol 2 B117

Charles Town South Carolina Nov.r y.e 11.th 1734

May it please Yo.r Lordp.s

According to my Duty I wrote to Yo.r Lordships the 30.th of Last Month and sent Duplicates thereof both which as likewise the Duplicate hereof I hope in God your Lordships will receive.

I herewith humbly Transmitt to Your Lordships the Humble Address of his Majesties Hon.ble Council here to his most Excell.t Majesty and we most Humbly beg that your Lordships will give Directions how it shall be presented to his most Sacred Majesty and I am in hopes that this Address will find Creditt with your Lordships. In my last I offered my Humble Opinion concerning Printed Bills so I will not here trouble your Lordships with a Repetition thereof.

The Hon.ble Ralph Izard Esq.r the Second of his Majesties Council last Night consented to the said Address but his Urgent affairs called him from this Town before the same was Engrosed and laid before the rest of the Council to be Signed and I dont in the least doubt but that he will Sign the Duplicate.

I herewith send your Lordships an Account

of

of the 7,380 pounds of Coll: Parris Treasurer being Bills burnt this Morning of which I formerly wrote to your Lordsp as likewise the account of the Bills burnt by the Comissrs of the Bank with the Explanation of the first Article of 5707: 7: 6 by which your Lordsps may see that the Sum of 3843 were of the New Bills which with the 7380 before mentioned Amounts to the Sume of 11223 pounds in New Bills burnt and its Supposed that by the latter end of February next there may be halfe as many more burnt, of what the Treasurer will receive for Imports and Exports as likewise the Bank Commissrs who are to receive the Remainder in New Bills, for by Law no old Bills will now pass, there was likewise burnt this morning of the old Bills the Sume of £1830: 15: which is part of the 10000 an account of which I have sent to your Lordships and the Honble William Gibbon and Charles Hart Esqr being appointed to Examine the said Bills and Several others have not been able to do any more as yet, but will continue their Examination. By these accounts your Lordships may see what care his Majesties Honble Council and my Selfe have taken that the New and Old Bills may be Burnt

according

according to Law.

I also herewith Humbly Transmitt to your Lordsᵖˢ his Majesties Honᵇˡᵉ Council their Memorial to me and having writt to your Lordsᵖˢ formerly concerning the Merchants Address to his most Sacred Majesty against me I will not now Presume to trouble your Lordships with a Repetition thereof but am in hopes when Please God I Arrive in Great Brittain I shall not only be able to clear my Selfe but likewise to give your Lordships a full and just account of my proceedings with a true and just Character of Some of the Petitionᵉʳˢ In the Intrim I remain

Your Lordships most Obliged Obedient & Faithfull Humble Servᵗ

Lords of Trade — Fr Nicholson

P.S. I thank God our Fine and Seasonable Feather Continues and Ships and other Vessells Arrives Freely which makes the Planters bring down their Rice and Pitch &c That the Trade of this Province may Continue and be not only for the Advantage of the People here but also of the Merchants of Great Brittain are the hearty wishes of

F. N.

Recᵈ Janʸ 19ᵗʰ 1724/5
Read Novᵇʳ 18ᵗʰ 1725

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(10th November 1724)

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty

The humble Address of Your Majesties Council of South Carolina.

His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq Your Majesties Governour having Communicated to us a Peticon that has been presented to your most sacred Majesty by several Merchants against the present Currency of this Province And having considered the Allegations therein In the most humble manner crave leave to represent that without some certain Currency amongst us it will be almost Impossible for this Your Majesties Province to carry on the Trade thereof.

We hope it will be made appear that the Merchants mistake when they Set forth that they have suffered by the late paper Credit They having advanced their Goods accordingly for tis apparent that Our Trade for these three last Years had much Encreased which has kept up the prices of the produce of this Province rather than the present number of Bills now Extant.

We further beg leave to lay before Your Majesty That tis Our humble Opinion that the paper Credit now current amongst us by Law is not more than

Suffeient

sufficient for the Trade of the Province And as Your Majesty's Governour here has received Your Orders for the printing no more So We were in hopes that the Merchants would have been contented therewith.

We therefore most humbly pray Your most Sacred Majesty to take the premises into your Royal consideracon and to suspend the Determinacon of this affair that so nearly concerns those two Inseperables Your Majesties Interest & that of this Your Province till an Opportunity offers for the General Assembly fully to answer the several complaints of the said Peticoners

November the 10th 1720 We are May it please Your Majesty
Your Majesties most
Dutifull and Loyal Subjects

Benja Schenckingh	Arthur Middleton
James Kinlock	R. A. Izard
Charles Hart	Wm Bull
William Gibbon	Alexander Skene

Recd Jan[y] 19th 1720[1]
Read Nov[r] 18th 1725

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(13th November 1724)

Money Told by the Honble William Gibbon and Charles Hart Esqr the 13th Day of November 1724.

240	Twenty Pound Bills amounting to	£ 4800. — —
136	Fifteen Pound Dt is	2040. — —
27	Twelve Pound Dt is	324. — —
27	Eight Pound Dt is	216. — —
		£ 7380. — —

William Gibbon
Charles Hart

South Carolina

We the present Comissrs appointed by two Acts of the General Assembly (one Ratified the 15th of February 1723 and the other the 28th of March 1724) to receive and Cancell the Interest money due to the Publick by vertue of the Bank Act Ratified the 7th of June 1712 Report as followeth viz.t

That we have perused and Burnt in Currant Bills of this Province the Sum of five thousand Seven hundred & Seven Pound Seven Shillings and Sixpence } 5707. 7. 6

And that there remains due to the Publick for last years Interest and former Arrears three } hundred

hundred thirty Eight Pounds ten Shillings for which Execution is granted } 338. 10. -

And that there is four thousand Pounds more due from Several Persons by their Bonds and Mortgages on their Real and Personal Estates to be paid in Febr.y nex 1724 which compleats the said Sum of Forty Eight thousand Pounds to be paid in twelve years According to the Tenour of the said Bank Act } 4000. - . -

£ 10045. 17. 6

Oct.r y.e 27th 1724 Charles Hart Andrew Allen
In Council Oct.r 28th 1724 read
In Council Nov.r 16th 1724 Exhibited

Explanation of the first Article

Received and Burnt in New Bills of £ 20, 15, 12 & 8 £ 3843 . -
Received and Burnt of old Bills of Different Species 1864. 7. 6
£ 5707. 7. 6

Pus Char Hart Andrew Allen

So Carolina Nov.r 16th 1724 Exhibited

A True Copy J Nicholson

Rec.d Jan.y 19th 1724/5
Read Nov.r 11th 1725

B. P. R. O. South Carolina B. T. Vol 2 B 121.

South Carolina Decemb^{r} ye 6th 1724

May it please Yo^{r} Lordp^{s}

I hope in God Yo^{r} Lordp^{s} will receive mine to Yo^{r} Lordp^{s} of the 10th of Novr last with the Duplicate thereof

I now Humbly Transmitt to Yo^{r} Lordp^{s} an Accot of all the Old Bills which were burnt at Several Times amounting to the Sum of £ 60. 30l. 11. 3 which I take to be the Total Sum that hath been changed for New Ones And if there be any left, they are of No validity by Act of Assembly when the Law past for changing ye Old Bills it was Supposed (tho Uncertainly) that there might be to the Value of Eighty Thousand pounds but it proving otherwise the Country is only to make Good that £ 60. 30l. 11. 3 By this Accot Yo^{r} Lordp^{s} may please to See the State of the New Bills.

The £ 55 Thousand pounds which were in 20. 15 12 8 pound Bills I have already Sent Yo^{r} Lordp^{s} a Accot of how many of them have been burnt to which I humbly beggy leave to be referred. And I shall (God willing) take care that they be burnt According as the Law directs.

I

I humbly Transmitt to Yo^r Lordp^s a Copy of Our Resolve in Council concerning a New Assembly as also the Copy of the Writt and List of the Parishes who are to Elect Members and how many.

I herewith Send Yo^r Lordp^s a Copy of Captain Hallons Letter to me from the Cherokees of the 18th of the last Month as likewise a Copy of Johns Sharps Letter to me of the 12th of Novemb^r last upon the Receipt of them I gave Orders to Send to the Frontiers to be upon their Watch and Guard There are various Opinions about this unlucky Accident I have not had any further Accot of this affair so I hope in God there will be no further Mischief done and that this was only Designed against Sharp. When I have any further Accot Shall humbly Transmitt it to Yo^r Lordp^s by the first Safe Opportunity We have Several Ships & Vessells here bound for Great Brittain and other Parts and We Dayly Expect more.

I thank God We have had Extraordinary fine Weather so that We have had a very proper Season for the Rice and Pitch

Having had the Hon^r and Great fortune of Receiving his Ma^ty most Gracious Leave to goe for Great

Great Brittain I shall God willing after the Assembly
rys Embark for London and please God I arrive
there I shall do my Self the Honr of Paying my
Duty to Yr Lordpe In the Interim I remain

Yr Lordpe most Obligd Obedient
and Faithfull humble Servt
Fr Nicholson

Rt Honble Lords of Trade

Recd Febry 19th 1724/5
Read Novr 18th 1725

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(2nd December 1720)

South Carolina Ss. Copy.

George by the Grace of God of Great Britain
France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith
To the Church Warden or Church Wardens of
the Parish of St Philips

You are hereby requested and commanded to summon all the freeholders of the said Parish of St Philips to gether with all the Inhabitants thereof qualified for electing Members of Assembly, that they be and appear at the Parish church of St Philips aforesaid on Tuesday the Twenty Second day of this instant December, then and there, according to the directions of an Act of Assembly of our said Province, intituled An Act to ascertain the manner and form of electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province, in the Commons House of Assembly, and to appoint who shall be deemed and adjudged capable of choosing, or being chosen Members of the said House Ratified Sept? the 19th 1721 to Elect and choose five Persons Representatives of the said Parish to serve as Members of the Commons House of Assembly, to advise with our Govern? and Members of our Council of and about the

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arduous and weighty affairs of our said Province, and consent to the making of such good and wholsom laws as shall be found requisite and necessary for the well being thereof, which Members so elected You are to summon to meet the rest of the Members of the said Commons House of Assembly, at the dwelling house of Col.e Michael Brewton in Charles Town, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of January next insuing, in order to qualifie themselves and sit in the General Assembly, according to the aforesd Act to transact the affairs of our said Province. And of this Precept, and the Members elected by vritue thereof, You are to make return according as the aforesd Act directs, on the Month and day last above named

Given under our Great Seal of our said Province Witness Our Trusty and well beloved Francis Nicholson Esq.r Capt General and Governour in Chief in and over our said Province: Arthur Middleton Esq.r President, and the rest of the Members of our Council, at Chur: Towne in the said Province, the Second day of December 1724 in the Eleventh Year of our Reign

God Save the King

Memorandum

Memorandum, The Original was signed by the Governour and Members of the Council

(M.S.)

A List of the Parishes and number of Members for each respective Parish in this Province, for which Writs were issued for Election, of the form and date of the above Writ, vizt

St Philips above mentioned	5 Membrs	
St Johns	3	
St James Santee	2	
St James Goose Creek	4	
St Georges	2	
Prince Georges	2	
St Andrews	2	
St Pauls	4	
Christ Church	2	
St Thomas & St Dennis	3	Election at the Parish Church of St Thomas
St Helena	4	Election at Beaufort Town
Parish Church St Barthol[o]	4	Election at the Plantation of Thomas Cole of Capt Barbadoes and directed to Capt Cox Jno Bodcott Esq
12 Parishes 12 Writs & places of Election	38	Members

The above certified Decr 3d 1720 p Chas Hart Secty

Recd 17th Feb[y] 1720/1
Read 8th Nov: 1726

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(21st Nov. 1724)

Copy of Resolve in Council for calling a New Assembly Novemb. yr. 21st 1724

Rec.d 19th Feb.ry 1724/5

Read Nov.r 18th 1725

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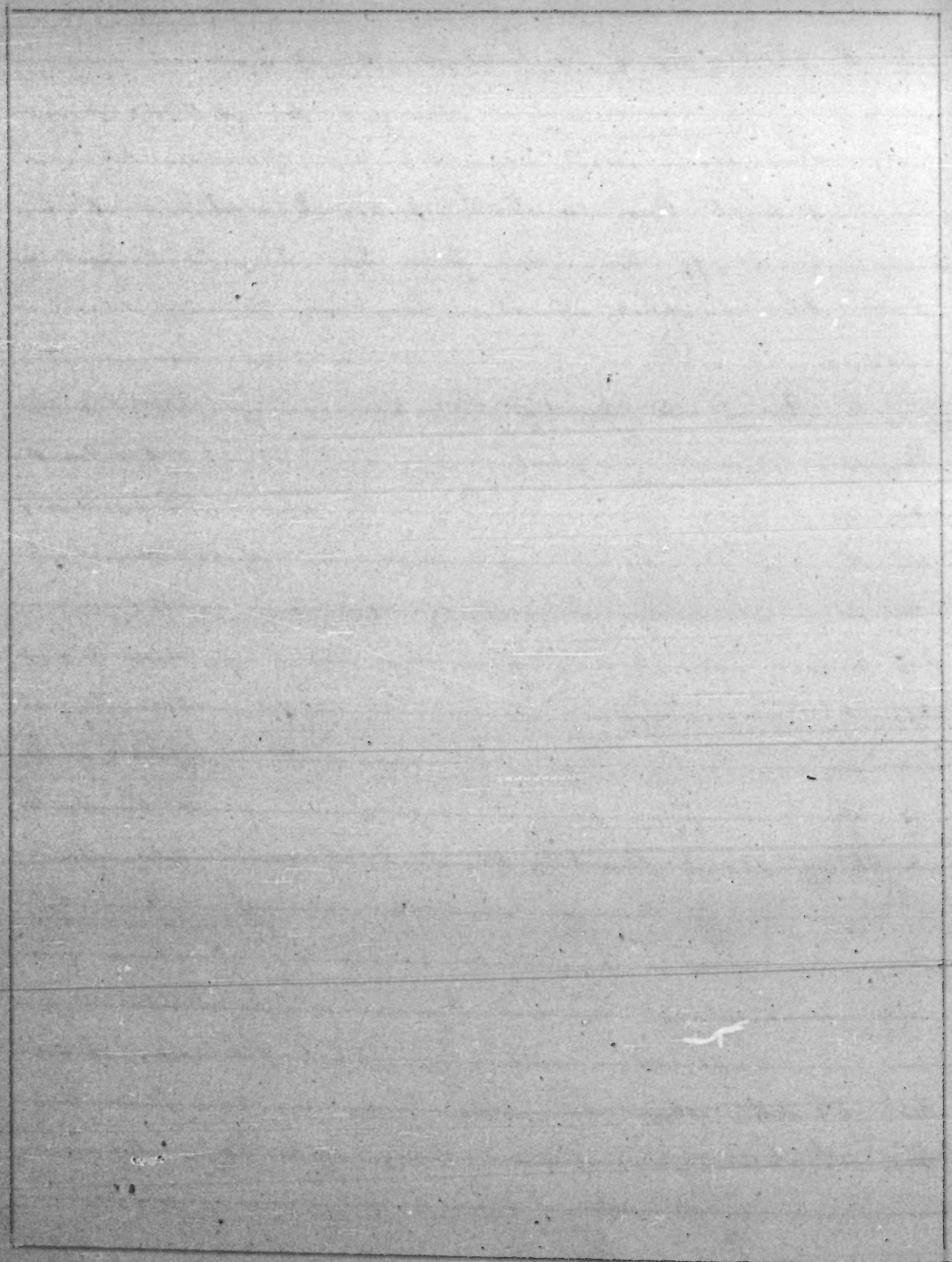
(5 Oct. 1724)

The Commissio.rs appointed for reprinting the present Currant Bills of Credit report to have burnt of the old Bills by them Exchanged in the presence of His Excellency Vz.n Byt

1723		
May 15	Burnt in Sundry bills	7629. 9. 9
June 28		7749. 16. 6
Aug.t 14		9617. 14. 6
Oct.r 3		17742. 12. 6
1724		
May 12		6305. 15. —
June 6		4047. 15. —
Septem.r 10		2045. 12. 6
Novem.r 24		10033. 7. 6
" 26		1310. 7. 6
	Burnt by the bank Commissio.rs	1864. 7. 6
		£ 61306. 18. 3

J. Hopson
W. Hanover

Rec.d 19th Feb.ry 1724/5
Read 18th Nov.r 1725



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Nov yah Tree Novemb^{r} 12th 1730

Sr.

God has Made your Excellency Pater Patria of this Quarter Part of the World, and has Given your Ex^{cy} a large Portion of blessings. I Pray God Continue them ad infinitum.

It is to you Sr I Address my Silf Humbly Begging leave to lay before Yr Excell^{cy} the late Suf ferings I have Sustained Again by the Creake Indians which was On Yr 9th inst about One A Clock in ye Morning about two hundred of them came, & Surprized my house, after having fired two bullets upon my house the latter of which I Received A Shott in my legg the Savage dogs entered upon my house, Plundering & burrying off every thing of Vallue, Stripping me of all, Leaving me nothing but A pair of Breeches, & a pair of old Shoes to Cover my Nakedness never Offering to fire upon the Town, tho within Gun Shott, neither did the Town fire upon them, they Continued Plundering and Ransacking till day light, then went about their business, whilst the Cherikees kept themselves Secure in their Forts. Two days after this hapned Capt Hatton with Nine White men more came to this Place hearing of what had hapned, And

Capt

Capt Hatton & Capt White Promised me they would Give Your Excellcy a full Account of this transaction. So Refer Your Excellcy to them. Have Presumed to lay an Invoice of the Goods and Skins they carried away, which I humbly Begg You'l be Pleased to take into Your consideration. Assuring Your Excellcy I would have Given You a more ample Account of this transaction but that the Agony of my Shott renders me uncapable at this Junct therefore I hope you'l yt more easily pardon me, when Yr Excellcy Considers my poor condition

He who has been with Your Excellcy in all dangers & Preserved You through the imensity of troubles, and has made you to triumph over all Your Enemies Even the God of all Mercies Repleat the Remaigning Part of Yr days, with health happiness and Glory is and always Shall be the Prayers of Your Excellencys

Most Obedient humble Servant

Jno Sharp

P.S I forgot to Observe to Yr Excy that during the time of their Ransacking me, two of the Principal Ring leaders came to me Several times & demanded of me where more White men lived, but finding I would not Satisfy them, they desisted

So Carolina Decr 1724 a true Copy from the Original &

Chas Hart Secty

September ye 9th 1730

Invoice of Goods and Skins taken from John Sharp by the Creek Indians.

2 Peices of Shrouds and a Remnant of Ditto 16 Yards

8 peices of Plains, & half Thicks 1 Remnant Ditto about 12 yards

14 lb of Gun Powder & 100 lb of bullets

4 hatchets, 1 broad Ax & 2 hand Saws

4 peices of Callicoe & 4 peices of Caddis

6 Indian Callicoe Jackets & Petticoats

2 peices of Super fine Garlis for my own ware

2 Suits of fine Stripd holland Jackets & breeches

a broad Cloth Coat & 4 pair of worsted Stockings

8 fine Speckled linen Shirts

7 fine Silk handkerchiefs 6 of which new

2 Super fine blankets & 6 pounds of Small beads

3 Coarse trading Blankets, 2 Saddles, Holsters & Pistolls & 3 bridles A Gun & two trading Pistolls

2 Pewter dishes 6 Plates, & a dozen of New Spoons

5 Large & Small Kettles, & 3 frying Pans 2 pound of Meet Paint

3 pair of Shoes, 2 of which new 1 Beaver hatt & 2 New Worsted Caps

2 Trunks midling one New

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1100 weight of heavy dreat Deere Skins branded as
p Margent & 260 light Skins, & 8 Beaver A Slave
Woman & 2 Children all my Sadlery tackle & blanket
Cont 29 in Number

To His Excy Francis Nicholson Esq Govr of
S. Carolina / Present /

S. Carolina / A true Copy from the Original Exam.d
and attested Decr 3d 1724 p Chas Hart Secty
Recd Teby 19th 1724/5
Read Novr 11th 1725

B. P. R. O. South Carolina B. T. Vol 2. B 126.

(10th November 1724)

May it Please Your Excellency

I have Presumed to Send this Express to Acquaint Yr Excellency That On Monday the 9th of this instant by the first Cock Crew in yr morning A Party of the Creek Indians came to Soygeltoe & No Ufe where two Towns adjoining, on parted by a River, & by which Towns Sides Mr Sharps trading house Stands I hapned to be then at a Town called Somothly about twelve Miles from my own house & twenty five from the Towns aforesd when about noon came in the Warr-whoop which gave an Account That Soygeltoe was cut off. About two hours after came another & gave us An Account that the Enemy had not medled with the Indian Towns, but only fell upon Mr Sharps house & had Ransacked & Plundered yt Same Carrying away all his Goods & had Shott him thro the belly and that he was sent to call all the White People to come there.

There hapned to be at this Town of Somothly where I was Several White men but we was all destitute of Armes upon which I sent away directly to Keewahee for all the Guns I had, & all the White men in

in that Town, to come directly to Tomochly, but it being so late, they could not get their horses time ly enough, but the next morning being the tenth they came early & that We mustered up ten of us & went over to No-you-whee where we found Mr Sharp, at an Indians house but not wounded in the Belly as was told us, but Shot thro the Leg, and when we was all there he told us As followeth Vizt

That about yt first Cock Crowing in yt morning his dogs gave them Notice that some body was about yt house at which his Slave fellow, got up to See what was the Matter, & at his coming out he heard a Gun fire, & imediately One or two more at wch he wakes his Master, & tels him the Enemy was about the house, upon wch Sharp gets up & opened the door, & lighted a Candle, and they all yt time powering in whole bolies of Shot into the house & yard, & then rushed in upon him & one of the Shot that came in thro the house went thro his leg. As soon as they Entered the house they began to Plunder it of all that was in it, & others was in his Store where he had his trading Goods, & took away every thing he had, both household Goods trading Goods & Skins & Provisions, he in the meantime made

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no resistance, but asked them to Smoak tobacco and intreated them not to use him after that rude manner telling them that the White People & they were freinds & a great many freindly Arguments he used to them in English but all availd him nothing, neither would any of them Speak a Word of English, Or if they could they would not let him Know it, but when-ever he spoke to them only laughed at him, One would come up to him & Shake him by ye hand & tell him he was a Tallepoosa, & take off his Coat, another would Cry out Euchee, & take of his Shirt & others the Egellahs Cowealahs & Gomahitahs, till they had Stript him out of all his Clothes, leaving him nothing but his breeches on, they carried away all his Slaves except One which was his Slave man, who made his escape from them In Short they left him not a thread of Clothes to Cover him nor victuals to eat except a little Corn & Pumpkins which they could not carry off, Nay his very Pack Saddles they cut out the pads, & carried away not leaving so much As ye Wanties behind them for my Part among all the destructions I beheld in the late War (wch was a great deale of it) I saw none worse than this that was not consumed by fire the House was like

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a Cullendar so full of Shot holes & ye Yard perfectly plowed up wth bullets by computation there could be little less than a thousand Shott fried there, & a Miracle it was to me to See it, & Sharp in the house all the time & come to no more damage And what does a little more Add to our Surprize is that they made no Attempt On ye Indians, or their Towns no not so much as to fire one Shott Against One house but packt up Sharp's Goods, & went off, but it was told me that they called over the River to the Cherokees, & asked them, why they fired away their Powder & Bullets wch does a little Shock us to find no hostilities committed against each other

While he was all at this Town talking wth Mr Sharp, the Head men got together, & came to me to talk concerning this matter I began wth them, & asked them, how they could Stand Still, & see their Enemy come to the White Mans, & Shoot him & rob him wth carrying away all his Goods that he had taken so much care & trouble to bring them, to Supply them with. and not to go to Assist him, Altho they was at most within Gun Shot of them, & that if they would not help us at Such a time how could they expect that ever We should Assist them Or

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bring Goods amongst them if they would not help to defend it.

They answered that their men was all out a hunting, & none but boys & old men at home & if they had been at home they should not have carried away ye Goods, but as soon as word was brought them they all left their hunting & came home & that they should not carry away ye Goods yet, but that in two days time when they dont expect them they would follow them and fetch back the Good again, & asked us if we would not go wth them, since it was ye White man that Suffered & not them, for says they the papers you brought tell us that the Govern^mt Says, if the Creeks will not be good & mind what the Govern^r says to them that they will Send us White men to joyn us & go within to fight them and Says they you se your Selves time after time, that they will not hear the Govern^r but Still persists in their Roguery not only Against us, but Against ye White People, mentioning all ye insolvencies they have been guilty of to the traders in ye Path & ye Killing of the three White men y^t was killd at Nongontahee, & telling us plainly that they saw no Order was taken wth them for

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their so doing & yt they do beleive yt we are as much afraid of yt Creeks as they are, & that if they had been guilty of doing half so much to the White People As the Creeks had done they was sure we should soon come to Warr upon them & that they should expect no other.

In Answer to their asking us to go wth them after the Enemy, I told them it was true there was enough of us to follow them, & wth a few Cherokees to fetch back what they had carried away, & had we Chanced to been there when they came We would have defended Our Selves & them as long as we had lives, but to follow them into the Woods was what we could not Answer, till Yr Excell'y had given yr Word, & besides that they must Consider there was a great many White men trading amongst which doubtless would be kill'd, as soon as any of them got home to carry the News, that the White People came after them in Company with the Cherokees.

For my Part I could not tell what more to say to them On this head, for they do not Stick to upbraid us wth Cowardice to Animate us Against yr Creeks as much as ever We have done them, but whether it be from their hearts or not We Should

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joyn them for they Seem not displeased that they did not offer to Sack their Towns, which I do not know, but it gives them Some Prospect of Peace, which I hope may be Nipt in the bud. Otherwise I fear will Produce ill fruit, & it is my humble Opinion with the rest of the Traders here, That if the White People do not joyn the Charokees to go Against the Creeks that they will joyn One another & bend their forces Against the White People for they are Countinually putting us in mind of the former Promises that was made them how that he Should always Stand by them Against their Enemy wch has ever Since been Neglected & that we are always telling them the Same Story that we do look upon them to be Our best friends, but no Care taken to Assist them, without which their Nation must inevitably go to ruin for they are not able to withstand them by themselves. While I was talking to the Head men of these things they told me it was highly Necessary I Should Send Yr Excellcy an Express to let you know what had hapned & that if I would write, they would make Choice of three or four Headmen to go down with it, & to hear what Yr Excellcy would Say to them concerning this affair for they

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seem to be very impatient to know and indeed I cou thought it not proper to be Against their Proposall yt they may not (if any Such thing Should Offer) Negotiate together. I asked them how many men they required they told me three hundred.

With Humble Submission I think that we who are traders here & have Effects in this Nation to Stand but a very poor Chance in getting Our Effects down or preserving them here For if the Creeks Demolish Our Stores, & rob us of Our Goods by the Indian town Sides, what may we expect from their hands when they meet us in yo Woods wt a Number capable to Over power us. And On yo other hand The Senecas threaten to kill us, if they meet us, if it be true as a Slave told us who made his escape from them. And the Catawbas & the Charokees are gangeling, for in the Summer One of these People killd a Charraw man And the Catawbas came here & demanded Satisfaction, & about twenty days ago, the Catawbas & Charraws took a Woman of the Charokees Prisoner, but she made her escape from them & got home again upon which they threaten Revenge upon One Another. Now Sr With humble Submission I think it would be Necessary that Yo Excell.cy Should Accomodate this

this difference and to make up the breach (if there is any) between the Charokees & Catawbas, and to keep them freinds if possible, for if such a thing as a Warr should happen Between these two Nations the Catawbas will certainly go over to the Creeks by which means they would drive the Cherokees out of their Nation but with the Charokees & Catawbas there is no doubt by ye help of God But Carolina will be able to deale with the Creeks. And may Y^r Excellency live in health and tranquillity to see the Enemies of ye Governm^t vanquished is the hearty Prayers of S^r

Your Excellencys most Obedient most humble & most devoted Servant

W Hallen

Dated In the Charokees
November ye 14th 1724

P.S. Novr ye 18th 1724

I have waited till this day being Obliged to go over the Mountains on a little busines of my own and to See how the Charokees stand affected upwards in them parts for the Head men, but they are not as yet come, neither have I heard any thing of them since, and having an Opertunity of three White men going down have sent it by them, but shall leave a

a note for the head men if they come to certify Your Excell.y that those are the men. if they do come down.

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B P R. O South carolina B T Vol 2 B127

South carolina Decemb^{r} ye 8th 1720

May it please Yo^{r} Lordp^{s}

With this I send Duplicates of mine to Yo^{r} Lordp^{s} of the 5th Instant and I herewith humbly Transmitt to Yo^{r} Lordp^{s} a List of Shipp^{s} &c^{a} given me by Mr Hamerton my Naval Officer And by the best Accot I can have here We may Expect here this from Great Brittain from the West Indies and from New England about fifteen Sail of Shipp and other Vessells which if please God they all arive will be Sufficient to carry away all the Rice and Pitch By this Accot of Shipp^{s} &c^{a} Yo^{r} Lordp^{s} may please to See that the Trade of this Place Increaseth Since I had the Hon^{r} to comand here who am

Yo^{r} Lordp^{s} Most Obliged Obed^{t}
and faithfull humble Servt
Jn Nicholson

(The Lords of Trade)

P.S.

The affair of the Indians will be considerd of in Council this Day after which I shall Transmitt to Yo^{r} Lordp^{s} the Proceedings thereon

J N.

Recd 28th Febr^{y} 1720/1

Read Novem^{r} 18th 1725

B.P.R.O. a + W.I. Vol 18. p. 72.

(Title page of Pamphlet) Printed

an
Apology or
Vindication
of
Francis Nicholson Esqr
His Majesty's Governour
of
South Carolina
From the unjust Aspersions cast on Him
by some of the Members of the
Bahama Company

London
printed in the year 1724.

1725

B P R O Journals B J Vol 35

Whitehall Tuesday 2 March 1725

At a Meeting of His Majestys Commrs for Trade and Plantations

present

Earl of Westmoreland — Mr Pelham
Mr Chetwynd — Mr Bladen
Mr Dominique — Mr Plumer
Sr John Hobart

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So: Carolina Ordered that the Act passed in Carolina in 1723 Entituled An Act for settling the Estate of Thos Beresford Esq deceased be sent to Mr West for his Opinion thereof in point of Law

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15 June 1725

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So Carolina A Letter from Mr Shelton Secretary to the Lords proprietors of Carolina dated the 8th Inst in relation to the said Lords proprietors having agreed with Mons[r] John Peter Purry for transporting twelve hundred Natives of Switzerland into South Carolina as desired by their Petition to His Majesty referred to the Board by His Grace the Duke of Newcastle's Letter of 5th mentioned in the Minutes of the 9th of June 1724 was read Whereupon Ordered that the Secretary make an answer to Mr Shelton's said Letter

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18th

18 November 1725

So. Carolina Their Lordships took into consideration and read several letters and Papers from General Nicholson Governor of South Carolina Viz.t Letter from Gen.l Nicholson dated the 30.th of October 1724. Copy of a Minute of Council of the 27.th of October 1724. Commiss.rs for reprinting the Bills Report of £55138. 10.s - 10.d½ burnt and of £10300 ready for burning. Petition of the Grand Inquest to His Majesty. Addresses from the Grand and petit Juries & Supreme Court to the Governor. The Merchants Memorial to His Majesty papers relating to the Murther of Capt Simmons. The Bank Commiss.rs Report of £48000 to be paid in 12 years. The Treasurers Report of £7380 to be burnt or sunk on the 10.th of November 1724. The Treasurers Account of Negroes imported from Africa from the 24.th of July 1724 to the 24.th of October following. The Collectors Acco.t A List of vessels entered in the Collectors Office from the 25.th of June to the 29.th Sept. 1724. A List of vessels cleared in the Collectors Office from the 25.th of June to the 29.th of Sept 1724. List of the vessels in the Harbor of Charles Town the 28.th of October 1724. Letter from Gen.l Nicholson dated the 31.st of October 1724 to the Sec.y Letter from Gen.l Nicholson to the Board dated the 14 November 1724. Memorial of the Council to the Gov.r in vindication of his proceedings there. The Councils address to His Majesty in favour of the paper Currency. An account of Special Bills burnt by the directions of an Act of Assembly in November 1724. A Letter from Gen.l Nicholson dated the 5.th of December 1724. The form of the Writs for electing the Members of the Commons House of Assembly dated the 2.d of December 1724. Resolution of the Governor and Council for calling a new Assembly.

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An Acco.t of paper Old Money Bills Burnt. Jn.o Sharpes Letter to the Govern.r dated 12 Nov. 1724 from the Charaleuse complaining of being plundered of sev.l Goods by the Indians. Capt Hattons Letter from the Charaleuse dated 18.th nov. 1724 to the Gov.r giving an Acco.t of M.r Sharpe being plundered by the Indians. Letter from Gen.l Nicholson dated 16.th of December 1724. A list of Vessels in the Harbor of Charles Town to the 5.th of December 1724 A letter from Gen.l Nicholson dated the 21.st of January 1724/5 A Minute of Council in Assembly 12.th January 1724. Copy of the Councils Address to His most sacred Majesty. Copy of an address of the president & Assistant Judges of the County Court in the parish of St Hellena to General Nicholson concerning paper Credit Copy of an Address from the Grand Jurors of Wando precinct to the Governor upon the Merchants Pet.n about paper Credit Copy of an Address of the Justices at the General Sessions in Wando precinct to Gov.r Nicholson upon the Merchants of London's Pet.n about paper Credit A petition of the Inhabitants of Granville County to His Majesty upon the Merchants of London's petition concerning paper Credit Copy of a Writ dated 14.th of Jan.y 1724 for electing the Assembly to meet the 23.rd of Febr.y following and of a proclamation following dated January 12.th 1724 for dissolving the Assembly then elected. Directions to the Churchwardens in each parish for chusing Members of Assembly pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly ratified Sept. 19.th 1721 The Collectors Acco.t from Michaelmas 1724 to Christmas following. A List of Ships & Vessels entered Inwards and Cleared outwards from 29.th Sept. 1724 to Christmas following Letter from Gen.l Nicholson of the 27.th of February 1724/5 The Governor's

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speech of the 24th February 1724/5 to the Commons House of Assembly and their Answer thereto of the 25th Febr 1724/5. The Speakers speech to the Governor and his answer. The Governors speech to the Comons House of Assembly of 25th February 1724/5. The Governors Speech to the Commons House of Assembly with a list of papers letters &c of 27th Febry sent to the Commons House. The Governors thanks for the Commons House of Assemblys Address. Letter from Genl Nicholson dated the 27th March 1725. Account of the present currency delivered to his Excell.y Francis Nicholson Esqr 1st March 27th 1725. Account of Bills burnt by the Bank Commissioners. The Treasurers account of moneys received and paid Bills burnt & to be burnt 1725. Naval Officers account of Ships and Vessels entered and cleared from the 1st of March 1724 to the 25th of March 1725. Letter from Genl Nicholson dated the 30th April 1725. List of the Laws passed by the present Assembly. Copy of the Commons House of Assembly's Address to the Governor. Mr Hammertons account of Ships and Vessels in the Harbour of Charles Town. The dockquets of the General Sessions of April 21st 1725. A List of Vessels entered Inwards in the Coll.rs office in the port of Charles Town from the 25th of December 1724 to the 25th of March 1725. A List of Vessels cleared out of the port of Charles Town from 25th Dec 1724 to 25th March 1725. Ordered that Genl Nicholson be acquainted that the Board desire to speak with him on Wednesday morning next

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24 November 1725

So: Carolina General Nicholson attending as he had been desired Their

Lord.ps

Their Lordships took again into Consideration the several Letters from him mentioned in the Minutes of the last meeting And after some discourse with him thereupon gave him several Queries in relation to the state of that province to which they desired he would give his particular Answer in Writing And he promised to do it accordingly

B. P. R. O. A & W. I. Vol. 18. p. 73.

Charles Town. January 13th 1725 /1726.

May it please Your Excellency,

I was out of Town; when the Account of the burning of Fort King George came to Town; so that I could not give your Excellency so Early an Account of that, as otherwise I should have done; the fire began in one of the Sergeants houses, & being covered with Palmeto, there was no stopping of it, & all the other houses being built of Wood, toote fire, & all are Consumed; & the walls of the Fort being also of Wood; & much decayed, took fire, & burnt down to a very little; so that those poor people are now exposed to the Weather; & every-thing they have; they lost also most of their provisions; but I have taken care to Supply them. I am in the greatest Streight Imaginable, to know how to get Convenient houses; & the Fort Rebuilt; having no power to putt workemen to work, or to Draw for their pay; when the Work should be finished. I shall in a few Days call the Assembly; & try if they will advance; on the Credit of the Government at home, two or three thousand pounds to go on with build-ing again the houses; & putt the Fort in some repair till I can hear from your Excellency. What

Success

Success I may have in this; I cant yet say; You know how that affair stands with our Assembly; but I will do my duty to the best of my power. I have had a Continual plague & trouble with those people of the Fort ever since your Departure. I here Enclose your Excellency the Lieutenants original Letter to me on that affair; by which you will see how it happened; & how turbulent the Soldiers are. The twelve that Deserted the Garrison, & went to St Augustine, I have heard nothing of since, I beg your Excellency will speedily do something in this affair; & that when a new Fort shall be built, it may be on the Spland at the Entrance of the River. I am

Your Excellency's
Most Obed^t humble Servant
Ar. Middleton.

His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esqr

B.P.R.O. A & W I. Vol. 18. p. 74.

(13 Jan. 1725.) 1725/6

By the Honble Arthur Middleton Esqr
President & Comander in Chief of this
his Majesties Province of South Carolina.

A Proclamation

Whereas the General assembly of this Province
is & Stands prorogued to the Second Tuesday in march
next & whereas his Majesty's Interest & Service &
that of this his Province requires the meeting of both
houses sooner for their advice & assistance in
affairs of Importance. I have therefore thought fitt
by & with the advice & consent of his Mat^ies Honble
Council to issue this my Proclamation requiring
& Comanding the General Assembly of this Province
to meet & Sitt on Tuesday the first day of February
next at the usual places in Charles Towne for the Reasons
aforesaid.

Given under my hand & the Great Seal of
this his Majesties Province this thirteenth day of
January in the twelfth year of his majesties Reigne
and in the year of our Lord 1725.

(1725/6)

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(14 Jan. 1724/5

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty

The Humble Address of your Majesty's
Council in the Province of South Carolina

Your Majesty's Royal leave to his Excellency Francis Nicholson Esqr. our Governour being Communicated to us by his Excellency lays us under the Strictest Obligation before he depart hence to return your Majesty our Utmost thanks for appointing over us a Gentleman of so much Experience, so Conversant in Business and every way Qualified for Government and for the many Signal Services he has done to this Province, and Pious Donations to Our Several Churches, and his other remarkable Acts of Charity and Piety, and as wee could not Suffer a more Sensible misfortune than by his Absence, - so Wee heartily wish his safe and Speedy return with your Majestys Royal Approbation & Favours. —

His Excellency having declared that he will leave all Matters in this Province according to your Majesty's Royal Comands & Instructions and the Administration of Affairs with Arthur Middleton Esqr our President a Gentleman of distinguished Loyalty to Your Majesty and

and justly Qualified for so great a Trust; Wee humbly begg leave to Assure your Majesty that Wee (who have the Honour to be of your Council) shall always be ready to give him our best Advice & Assistance to promote and forward your Majesty's Interest and Service in this your Province and to Shew our Loyalty to your Majesty & Your Illustrious Family.

For the happiness of which Bless'd with long life health and Prosperity our Utmost Zeal shall always be Employed and our hearty Prayers shall never be wanting. Wee are

May it Please your Majesty

Your Majesty's most Dutifull

Most Loyal & Obed^t Subjects

Council Chamber
Charles Town
Jany 14. 1724.

William Gibbon. R. A. Izard.
James Kinlock. Wm Bull.
Benj^a Schenckingh J. Skene.
Char: Hart.

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(13 May 1725)

South Carolina.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty

The humble Petition of the General Assembly of this Your Majestys Province of South Carolina.

Most humbly Sheweth

That whereas their Excellencys the Lords Justices, have been pleased to transmit to His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esqr Governour and Commander in Chief of this Your Majesties said Province, or to the Commander in chief of the said Province for the time being an additional Instruction, directing and requiring that no private Act be past, without a Clause inserted therein, suspending the Execution of such Act, till your Majesties Royal approbation should be had thereof.

We do therefore humbly beg Leave to represent to your Majesty, the Inconveniences that may arise to your Majestys Subjects in this Province by the said Instruction; For that the Statute of Elegit being impracticable to be put in Execution in this Province in Regard, the Lands here will not rent for anything of themselves, any otherwise than as they are occupied or manured by

by Slaves the Creditor has no Remedy for his Debt, where the personal Estate falls short, but by a private Law to subject the real Estate to the Payment of Debts, after the Death of the Testator; which has been the constant Course of this Province, and by that it may often fall out, that the Expence of Attendance, and Charge of soliciting the Confirmation of such Law, may be more than the Debts amount to, or the Land is really worth; so that the Creditors will be often defeated of their just Debts, and the Credit of this Your Majesties Province which is the Basis and Foundation of Trade, very much lessen'd and impair'd.

We therefore humbly pray, that your most Sacred Majesty, would be pleased to limit the said Instruction, to any Matter exceeding three hundred Pounds Sterling, which is agreable to other Part of Your Majesties Instructions, where Persons aggrieved may appeal to Your Majesty in Council, from the Courts of Justice here, for any Matter exceeding that Sum.

Charlestown 13th May 1725

And Your Petitioners shall ever pray &c &c

Ar: Middleton President.

Tho: Broughton Speaker.

B.P.R.O. a & N.I. Vol. 18 p. 75.

South Carolina January 30th 1724-5.

Honble Sr

I begg that you'l please to give the Humblest of my Duty to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle & his Majesty's Honble Councill here begg that his Grace would be pleased to lay their Address before his most Sacred Majesty when his Grace thinks proper. I am in hopes that neither his Grace nor yourself will be displeased at my presuming to send this Address. Our Assembly are not to meet 'til the 23d of next Month and I shall (God willing) send Copys of papers Concerning the same to the Honble Francis Yonge Esqr upon that account. I suppose I shall not be able to go from hence 'til the beginning of May which will debarr me the great Honour of paying my Duty to his Grace as soon as I hoped to have done. I thank God we have had a very Extra-ordinary fine Winter which has been a great Advantage to the people in their Comodities of Rice and Pitch, & another great Advantage is because we have had a great number of Ships &c to carry away the Country produce which will be another Advantage to the Trade of Great Britain.

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I hope you'l Excuse this Trouble & give me leave to Subscribe myself

Your affectionate Friend &
Faithfull humble Servant
Fr Nicholson.

I am endeavouring to gett his Grace some Indian Curiositys.

Charles De la Fay Esqr

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21 January 1725

His Excellency John Lord Carteret Palatin

To our Receiver General of South Carolina for the time being

Robert Johnson Esq late Gov.r of South Carolina attending the Board the 7th day of December 1724 and giving in a Memorial wherein was set forth that our late receiver Wm. Rhett had not paid him any part of his Salary of £400 p.annum allowed him as Gov.r of the S.d province since the 11th of August 1719 + that till the arrival of Mr. Nicholson which was not till May 1721 there were 21 Months that he continued Governor. by which means there is an arrear of salary of £700 or thereabouts remains due to the said Robert Johnson and the said Mr. Johnson at the same time acknowledging that there was an arrear of Chief Rent of £150 or thereabouts due from him to us We were pleased to order and we do hereby order and require you our Receiver General for the time being to state the accounts between us and the said Mr. Johnson and that you doe out of the profits which you shall first receive for our use after having deducted the arrears of Chief Rent pay the said Mr. Johnson what shall be due to him for his salary of £400 p.annum till the arrival of Mr. Nicholson into the province. and for so doing this shall be your sufficient Warrant Given &c. at St. James this 21st day of January 1724/5

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Mr. Scropes Letter to the Ld.s Propr.s for the Quit Rent due to the Crown

My Lords

It appearing to the Right Hon.ble the Lords Comm.rs of His Majestys Treasury that the yearly rent of £13. 6. 8 payable by your Lordships into the Exchequer here as Proprietors of the Province of Carolina is in arrear from the Feast of All Saints 1708 being Seventeen Years. My Lords of the Treasury desire you will be pleased to cause the sum in arrear to be forthwith paid into the Exchequer, and to take care that the said Rent be constantly paid in there for the future according to the reservation contained in the Charters by which the said Province is granted to your Lordships. I am

My Lords

Your Lordships most faithful

humble Servant

J Scrope

Treas.y Chambers

2.d Feb.y 1725

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To the Kings Most Excellent Majestie

May it please Your Majesty

We your Majesties most dutiful and Loyal subjects the Ld. Proprietors of this province of Carolina in America do most humbly represent to your Majesty that by Vertue of Letters Patents from King Charles the Second of Blessed Memory we have Nominated and Appointed the Hon.ble Colonel Samuel Horsey to be Governor of the province of South Carolina in America in the room of M.r Nicholson Lately arrived here, whom your Majesty was pleased to appoint as a provisional Governor during some Commotions in that province long since quieted The said Colonel Horsey being a person of Integrity and Capacity and of known Zeal for your Majestys Government and every way Qualified for that Trust We do therefore most humbly recommend the said Colonel Horsey to your Sacred Majesty and pray that he may have your royal application to be Governor of that province as aforesd according to an Act of Parliament made in that case

All which is most humbly submitted

Beaufort. Craven Jas Berkle

John Tyrrell J. Colleton Hen Berke

B.P.R.O. A+W.I. Vol. 18. p. 76.

7 Feb. 1725. /1724

May it Please Your Excellency

Upon the unfortunate accident of Fort King George being burnt to the Ground, the Presidt immediately summond his Councill who gave their Opinion, that twas proper to call the Assembly to have their advice and assistance on soe important an affair.

I must refer Your Excellency to the Journals (now sent by Capt. Rider) of what passed between the houses, and the recourse wee were obliged at Last to take to keep possession of that Ground, and Supply the Soldiers with such necessaries to defend them from any Sudden surprize of the Enemy and the in-clemency of the Weathr, We having more frost and deep snow, than ever I knew since my being here.

I have now got Mr Tobias Fitch Journall wch shall be Copied out wth all Expedition in ordr to be sent to your Excellency but I hope you will arrive here soonr in Person to read it your self. Captain Clarke having brought the agreable news that yor Excellency will return hithr. The Sudden change of Weathr in this Climate is not more quick, than the

alterations

alterations in some Peoples Faces, I protest it affords
me some diversion as well as matter of
and yr Excellency I hope will pardon me when
I say I cannot forbear Laughing, but my Joy would
be compleat could I Kiss yr Excellencys hands here
wch noe one can wish more than sr

Your Most Obliged and
Faithfull humble servant
Charles Hart

Charles Town
Febry ye 4th 1725.

To his Excellency Francis Nicholson Esqr

1725/6

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2 March 1725.

To Richd West Esq.

Sir.

My Lords Commrs for Trade and Plantations Command me to send you the inclosed Act passed in Carolina in 1723. Entd An Act for Settling the Estate of Richd Beresford Esq. Deceased, upon which their Lordops desire your Opinion in point of Law as soon as conveniently may be. I am, &c.

Whitehall
Mar 2d 1724/5

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7 April 1726

To the Right Honble The Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations

My Lords

In obedience to your Lordships commands I have perused and considered an Act passed in the Province of South Carolina in one thousand seven hundred and twenty three Entituled 'An Act for settling the Estate of Richard Beresford Esqr deceased'

The Act recites that whereas Richard Beresford late of the Province of South Carolina Esq. deceased did by his last Will dated in May one Thousand seven hundred and fifteen (inter alia) Give unto his sister Mary Ford (wife of Nathaniel Ford Shipwright) all his Goods and household stuff that sho^d be found in his house at the time of his decease and all his debts which should be then due and owing to him And also gave unto his son John Beresford his heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns all his Goods and Chattels Lands Tenements &c in South Carolina or elsewhere except what is in the said Will otherwise devised when he should attain the Age of Twenty one Years and directed that his said son John should have all due and liberal Education &c out of the yearly profits of the same at the discretion of his Executor Colonel Thomas Broughton untill he should attain the age of Twenty One years and gave his Executor ten pounds per ann^m for every hundred pounds he should make of the clear yearly profits of his said Estate for his care and trouble untill his son should arrive to the Age of Twenty one Years and further gave unto his said Executor out of the yearly profits of his said

Estate

Estate for the first year after his decease Three hundred pounds and yearly and every year next ensuing Two hundred pounds till his said son should arrive to his Age of Twenty one Years Upon trust that he should apply the Three hundred pounds for the first year and the Two hundred pounds yearly towards buildings Improvements Repairs Clothing of Negroes and all other necessary Charges and Expenses incident or belonging to his said Real and personal Estate and the residue of the yearly profits upon Trust that he should yearly pay the same into the hands of the Vestry of the parish of St. Thomas in Berkley County in South Carolina to be disposed of by the major part of them viz! one third part thereof to the School of the parish for the time being and the other two thirds for the Maintenance and Education of the Children of the poor of the said parish as should be there sent to School and the Vestry for the time being should have the nomination and choice of all Schoolmasters and remove and displace them if they saw occasion and the said Executor should have a Vote with the Vestry as well with the Nomination of the Schoolmaster as in the disposition of the residue of the profits of his Real and personal Estate And the Testator willed that if his son should happen to dye before his age of Twenty one years without issue Then he gave all his Goods and Chattels Lands Tenements and Hereditaments unto the said Colonel Broughton his heirs Executors &c upon Trust that he should sell the same for the most money that could be got and the moneys arising to be paid into the hands of the said Vestry for the time being to the intent the same should be placed out at interest all which Interest to be disposed of as follows viz! one third to be paid yearly

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to the Schoolmaster for the time being and the other two thirds to be yearly paid and applied towards the Maintenance and Education of the poor children of the said parish.

The Act further recites that Richard Beresford an Infant of about three years of age (son of the Testator by his second Wife) by his petition presented to the General Assembly of that province by Richard Splatt of Charles City Merch! his next friend alledged and set forth that the said Testator sometime in May one Thousand seven hundred and fifteen designing to go to England and having no wife and one only child then living the said Testator did make his Will in such manner as before mentioned and soon after went to England where he intermarried with Dorothy Mellish with whom he had a fortune of upwards of one thousand pounds and had by her two children whereof Richard the Infant was only living and the said Testator having made no new Will or alteration but declared he intended to provide for the said Richard the Minor in a very handsome manner and leave him as much if not more than he intended for his said son John but was suddenly killed on the seventeenth of March one thousand seven hundred and twenty one by the fall of an arm of a Tree as appears by the Coroners Inquest whereby Richard the Minor was left entirely destitute and naked in the world without any manner of provision made by his Father for his subsistance notwithstanding his Fathers estate was much encreased by the addition of his Mothers portion and sett forth many circumstances of his Fathers condition different at the time of his death from what they were at the time of his making the above recited Will and that twas

impossible

impossible to believe but his Father would have made some provision had he not been so unfortunately killed and therefore the said Richard the Minor pray'd that his unfortunate and calamitous case might be taken into consideration and leave given to bring in a Bill for making such provision as should be agreable to Equity and as his case should require which petition was referred to a Committee of His Majestys Honorable Privy Council to examine into the Allegations and they reported that an equitable provision ought to be made for the said Richard the Minor and also for Releif of the s^d John for which purpose it is enacted that all and singular the goods and chattels Lands ^tc of the Testator Richd Beresford which are by the Will given to his son John shall be continued and kept entire without any diminution in the hands of the said Colonel Broughton the Executor to be by him Improved in the best manner till the said John and Richard Beresford shall attain their respective ages of Twenty one Years and to lay out and apply such sums of money as shall be necessary for the building Improvements Repairs Clothing of Negroes ^tc belonging to the Real and personal Estate altho the same may exceed the several sums of money in and by the said Will

It further Enacted that Richard the Minor as well as his brother John shall be under the sole care of the said Colonel Broughton till they arrive at their respective ages of Twenty one Years and be educated and brought up in good learning out of the profits of the said Estate given by Will to the said John and the said Executor is Impowered and directed to pay out of the profits of the personal Estate of Richard Beresford

deceased

deceased unto the said Richard Splatt Four hundred and twenty five pounds three shillings and five pence halfpenny he having expended so much in procuring this Act and in Clothing Maintenance &c of the said Richard the Minor

It further Enacts that in case any of the Negroes belonging to the Estate happens to die or be disabled before John attains his Age of Twenty one Years then the said Executor is impowered to purchase Slaves of the same value and service out of the moneys arising by the profits of the said Estate to the intent the same number of able slaves may be kept up and not diminished

It further Enacts that after payments of the debts of the Testator and deducting the charges of the Buildings &c the said Executor is impowered to pay the residue of the profits of the Real and personal Estate until John arrives to Twenty one years of age and the residue of Richards part of the personal estate until he arrives to Twenty one years of age to and for such charitable uses and in such manner as is directed in the Will

It further enacts that the said John and Richard Beresford the Infant be joint owners of all and every part of the said personal Estates until such time as the said John shall attain his age of Twenty one years and in case of the decease of Richard the Minor before that time then the whole personal Estate shall be delivered up to John at his Age of Twenty one years by the said Colonel Broughton But in case the said Richard shall be then living the said Broughton is directed to deliver only one half part of the personal Estate unto the said John Beresford and to keep in his possession the other half for the use of Richard until he comes to the Age of Twenty one Years and then deliver the remaining half part of the personal

estate

estate to him and in case of the decease of the said John Beresford before his age of Twenty one years without issue (the Minor living) the Executor is to keep the whole personal Estate until Richard shall attain his age of Twenty one years and then deliver the whole Estate to him

It further Enacts that in case of the decease of John Beresford before he attains the age of Twenty one Years without heirs (the minor living) then all the premises go and are hereby vested in Richard Beresford the son and the heirs of his body for ever and in case of the decease of John and Richard before they attain their ages of Twenty one Years and without issue then the Executor with the consent of the major part of the vestry of the said parish of St. Thomas are to sell the said Estate for the most moneys that can be got for the same and apply the same for such charitable uses &c as is by the Will of Richard Beresford the Father directed and the said Executor shall be indemnified for what he does in pursuance of the same

Upon consideration of this Act I cannot but think the case of the Infant Richard to be very hard and extraordinary and thó in strictness of Law this Act is highly prejudicial to the said parish of Saint Thomas. but Equity is so strong for the Infant that it is Impossible as I apprehend not to think some provision should be made for him and since the parish do not make any opposition to the Act nor John the elder Brother who are the only parties concerned in interest against it I am of opinion (thó I own it is carrying the Legislature of a Colony a great length) that this may justly passed into Law. But then as there is no Limitation for the commencement of the Act nor any saving clause

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inserted as regularly ought to be in every private Act I submit to your Lordships whether it may be proper to pass this Bill without these circumstances

All which is humbly submitted to your Lordships by

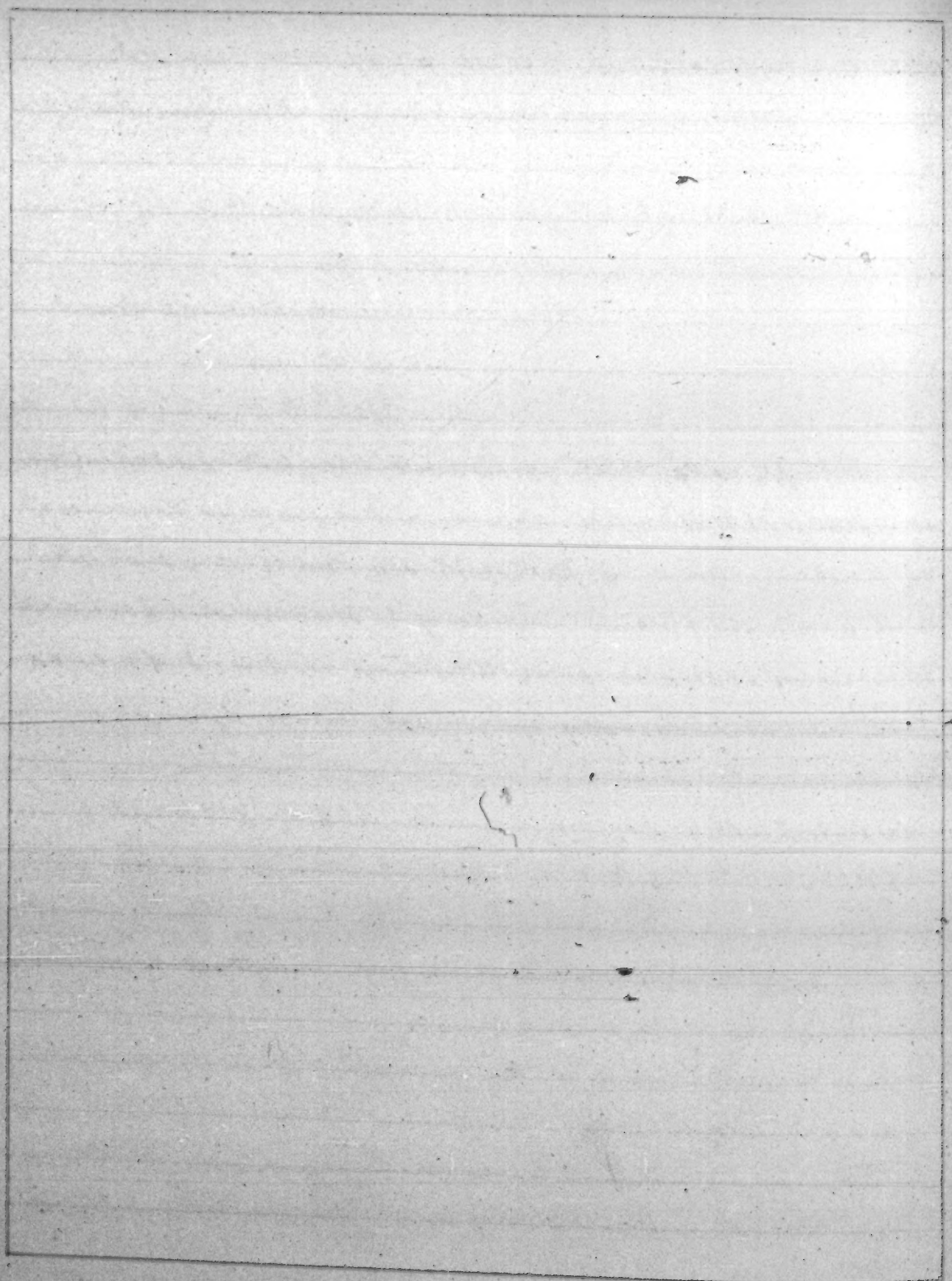
My Lords

Your Lordships most obedient and most

7th Aprilis 1725 humble Servant

Rich.d Nest

Rec.d April 8th 1725
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15 April 1725

To Richd West, Esqr.

Sir,

My Lords Comrs for Trade & Plantas command me to send you the 22 Acts passed in His Majestys Province of So Carolina in 1722. 1722/3. 1723/4. and 1724. which you will herewith receive according to the inclosed List, and thereupon to desire your Opinion in point of Law as soon as conveniently you can. I am, &c.,

Whitehall
April 16th 1725

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(3 May 1725)

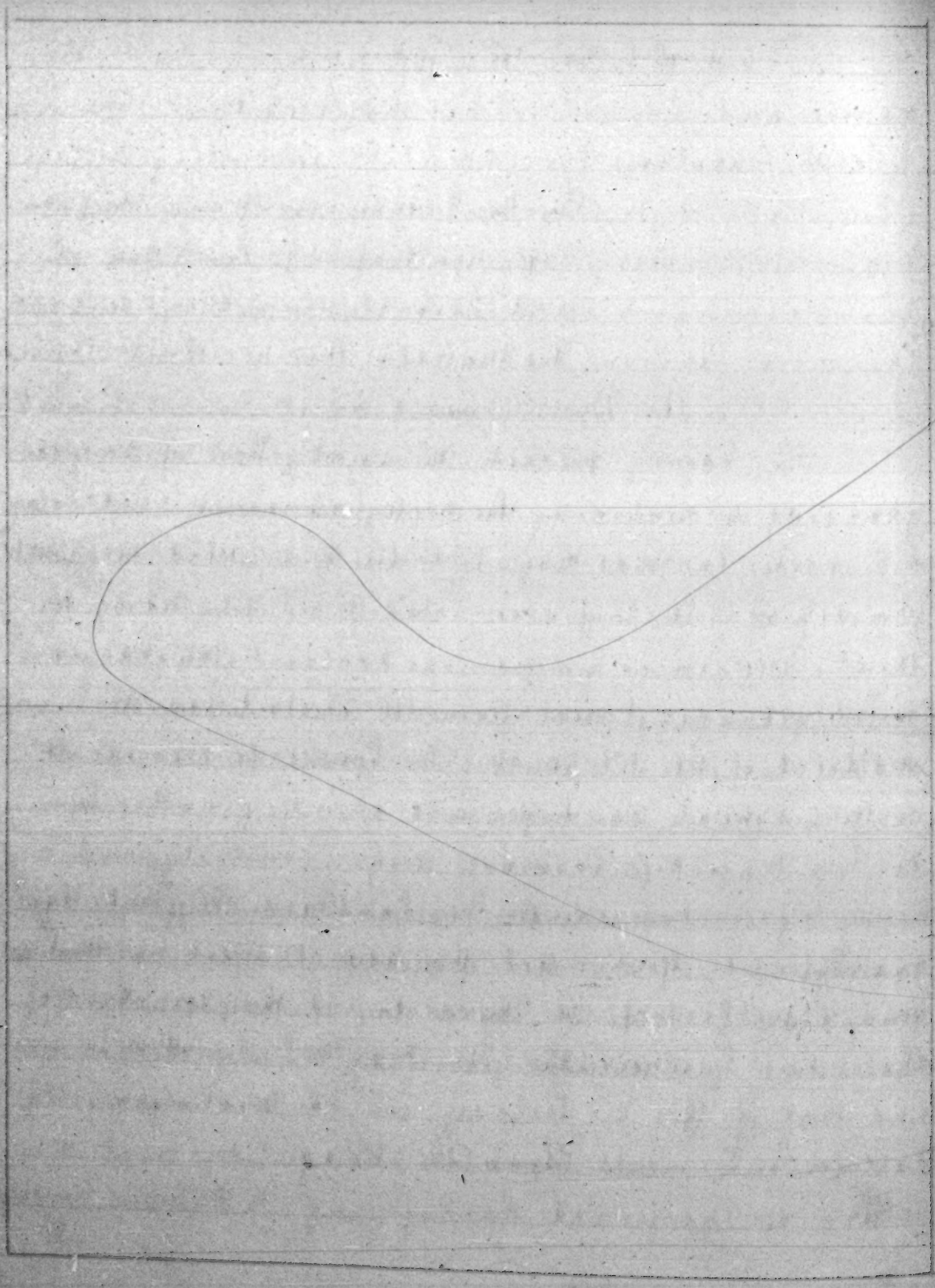
South Carolina

By His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esqr His Majestys Capt. General and Governour in Chief in & over His Majesty's Province of Carolina.

A Proclamation.

It having pleased Almighty God, of his great goodness to continue the happy agreement between his most Sacred Majesty and His Parliament the prospect of a Lasting peace, and the Tranquility of Great Britain in general; as appears by His Majestys most gracious Speech from the Throne, And the Address of the Rt Honble The Lords and Commons in Parliament Assembled, and also to grant prosperity to his Majestys Province; and unanimity and a happy agreement in the General Assembly, who have manifested how much they have at heart the real good & welfare of the Province and the promotion of those two Inseparables His Majtys Interest & Service and that of this His Colony, which blessings justly call for our most thankful acknowledgement & return of Praise and thanksgiving to the Divine Providence.

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I have therefore thought fit by and with the advice and Consent of His Majesty's Honble Council to issue this my Proclamation appointing the Eight & Twentieth of this instant May (being his Royal Majesty's Birthday) as a publick & General day of Thanksgiving, to be Religiously observed and kept with Prayers & Sermons throughout this His Maj^ties Province in all Churches and Chappels by all Persons of what or Quality soever within the same; hereby strictly charging & requiring them to forbear all servile labour & Business on that Day and duely to attend the publick Worship of God, to praise & extol his Holy Name for those & all other his gracious Dealings towards us (notwithstanding our unworthiness) & to implore him that of his infinite Mercy he would be pleased to continue to us the happiness we enjoy under his Majesty's most auspicious Reign.

Given under my hand and the great Seal of this His Majesty's Province, at Charles Town the third day of May 1725, in the Eleventh year of his Majesty's Reign

Fr: Nicholson

By His Excell^cy Command
Char: Hart Sec^y

God Save the King

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(13 May 1725.)

South Carolina

To the Kings Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Petition of the Geaeral Assembly of your Majesty's Province of South Carolina.

Humbly sheweth

That the Trade of this your Majesty's Province consists chiefly of such bulky and perishable Commodities as will not at all Times answer the End of Barter.

That we therefore humbly conceive a Medium of Trade, such as is portable and may easily pass from Man to Man is absolutely necessary, which Medium has of late years consisted of Paper Bills of Credit for want of Gold and Silver.

That there is now extant of the said Paper Bills the sum of one hundred thousand five hundred and eighty five Pounds, which according to the Course of our present Exchange, is in Value to no more than about fourteen thousand Pounds sterling.

That the Trade of this Province is computed to be to the Value of one hundred thousand Pounds Sterling per Annum, so that the said Medium is about one seventh Part of the said Trade, which we humbly conceive is not sufficient to carry it on.

That the Colony of Pensilvania, which is a place of less Trade and less advantagious to your Majestys Revenue than this

Province

Province, have now a Currency of forty five thousand Pounds Proclamation Money subsisting among them, which is equal to nigh two hundred thirty five thousand six hundred sixty two Pounds of our Currency.

We therefore most humbly pray your most sacred Majesty, that you would be pleased to grant us Liberty to erect a Bank in this your Majesty's Province for the sum of twenty thousand Pounds Sterling in Bills of Credit according to such a Scheme as Our Agent shall lay before your Majesty, or to continue the said sum of one hundred thousand, five hundred eighty five Pounds to us, as a standing Currency, for the Intent aforesaid, and that we may pass a Law to either of those Purposes.

Charles Towne 13 May 1725

And Your Petitioners shall ever pray[c]

Ar: Middleton: President
Tho: Broughton Speaker

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(9 July 1725.)

To His Grace the Duke of Newcastle

Memorial

Mr Purry of Neufchatel having offered to His Excellency Horatio Walpole Esqr a Proposal for carrying to, and Settling in Carolina, some Swiss;

The King having been pleased to signify his Pleasure thereupon to the Lords Proprietors of Carolina.

The said Lords Proprietors having granted to the said Purry Twenty Four Thousand Acres of Land, and agreed to Transport, at their Charge from England to Charles Town in South Carolina, Six hundred Swiss, who, Four Years hence, are to pay Three Hundred Pounds Sterling per Annum for ever;

The Governour, Council, and Assembly of South Carolina having passed a Vote, for Providing the said Swiss with Provisions towards their Subsistence for nine Months;

And Mr Purry who is now in Switzerland, raising his People, and several other Persons, having desired my Assistance in this Undertaking, I took the Liberty in May last to present to your Grace a Petition to the King, most humbly praying His Majesty would be pleased to Signify his Pleasure to the proper Officers, for Providing the said

Swiss

Swiss with Necessary Arms and Ammunitions; and for giving such other Encouragement as should be thought proper. But, having as yet had no Answer thereupon I crave Leave humbly to submit it to your Grace's Consideration, whither it will not be incumbent on me (The Agreements between the said Lords Proprietors and Mr Purry being drawn up in my name in Trust; For I have no other concern therein than that of a publick Benefit both to Great Britain and Switzerland) to see that Settlement established at least upon a probably solid foot, or else to Discourage Innocent People from Exposing themselves unawares to too many Dangers, if not supported by the Government here?

And as the Resolution of the said Swiss will depend on the Assurances that I shall be able to give them of a reasonable Support from hence, before they venture on such a long Voyage, so I humbly hope your Grace will be pleased to take the Premises into Consideration, and to give such Orders as may answer the End of this Intended Settlement; Which will greatly tend to the Honour of the Crown. For the proving of which Assertion your Grace will I hope, dispense me from appealing to the late Ld Galloway's Memorials, shewing the Advantages that in his Time did arise by withdrawing the Protestant Swiss from the French Interest. And hereby your Grace will captivate the Affections of all those, who have the Wellfare of Mankind at Heart, and highly oblige all such as have any Concern with South Carolina, and in particular

London 9th July 1725.

your Grace's most Obedient and most Humble Servant
John Vat of Vall.

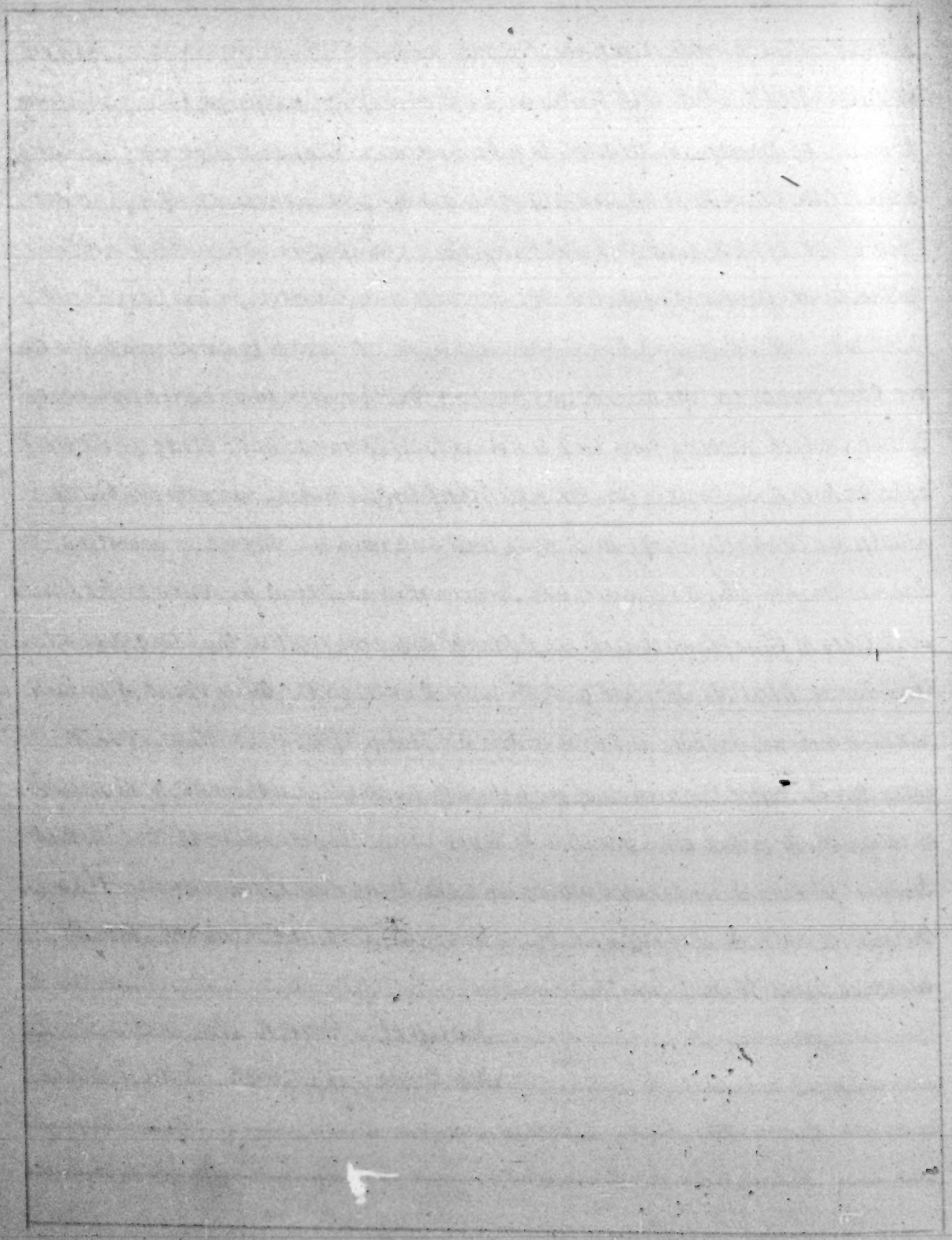
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27th May 1725

His Excellency John Lord Carteret Palatin Henry Duke of Beaufort
William Lord Craven and the rest of the true and absolute Lords Prop.rs
of the Province of South Carolina in America

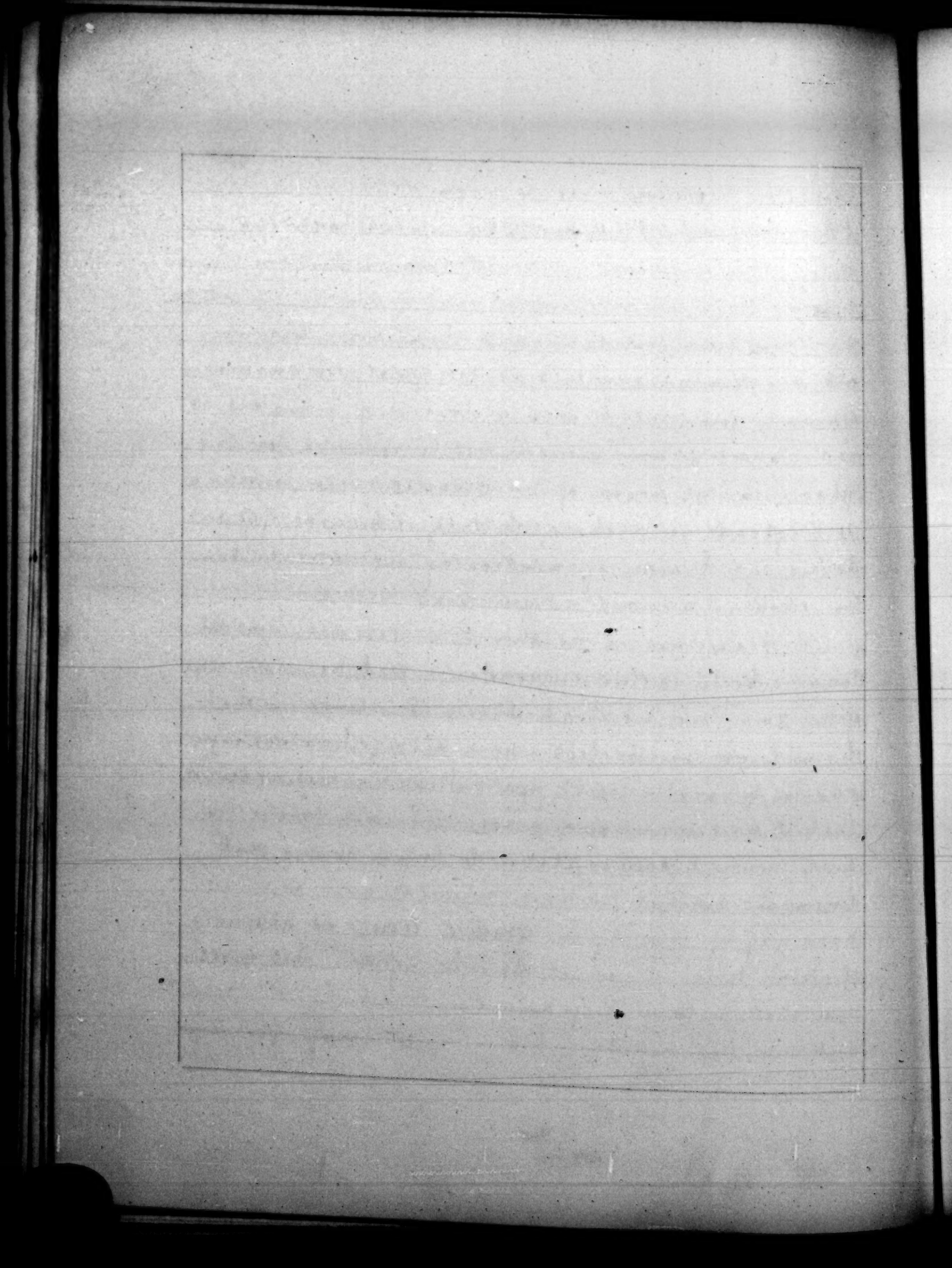
To Robert Wright Esq Greeting

We having taken into consideration the reputation and character you bear of knowledge skill and experience in the Laws Customs and Constitutions of His Majesties Kingdom of Great Britain, and we reposing great trust and confidence in your Justice Ability and prudence have constituted and appointed, and we do by these presents constitute and appoint you the said Robert Wright Chief Justice or principal Judge of that part of our Province of Carolina that lyes South and West of Cape Feare And you are Authorised hereby to hold Courts and to hear and to determine all manner of causes as well as Criminal, and also those relating to the Publick Revenue and all other pleas and Causes whatsoever arising or happening within that part of our said Province of Carolina Giving and hereby granting unto you the said Robert Wright full power and authority to do perform and execute all matters & things whatsoever which in that part of our Province to the Office of a Chief Justice shall or may in any wise belong or appertain And to appoint such officers under you as have been usually appointed by any Chief Justice in as large and ample a manner as any Chief Justice or Chief Baron of any of his Majesties Courts in Westminster or any Justice of Assize or Commissioner of Oyer & Terminer and Goal Delivery in the Kingdom of Great Britain or any Judge in any of his



his Majesties plantations in America may or ought to execute and perform To have hold and enjoy the said office of Chief Justice in that part of our province of Carolina aforesaid together with all Fees and perquisites salaries privileges Immunities and Advantages whatsoever belonging to the said Office of Chief Justice for and during the term of your natural life and we do by these presents empower the Governor and Council for the time being to choose two persons of Skill and Ability in the laws to be Assistants to you as our Chief Justice in like manner as have been heretofore done in our said province of Carolina which persons from time to time so to be appointed We do hereby constitute & appoint to be Assistants to you the said Robert Wright in like as aforesaid And Lastly we do hereby revoke and make Null and Void all former Commissions Given or Granted by Us or any of Our Predecessors as former Proprietors for the said Office of Chief Justice and we do command and require that this present Commission shall be Inrolled and Registered only in the Office of our Secretary residing here in London, and also in our Secretarys Office in Carolina within three months after the arrival of such person as shall be appointed next Governor of the said province and shall take upon him the Execution of that Province Given at St James under our hands and the Great Seal of the Province this Twenty seventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty five

Beaufort Craven Ja: Berkle
Nich Berkle J Colleton John Tyrrel



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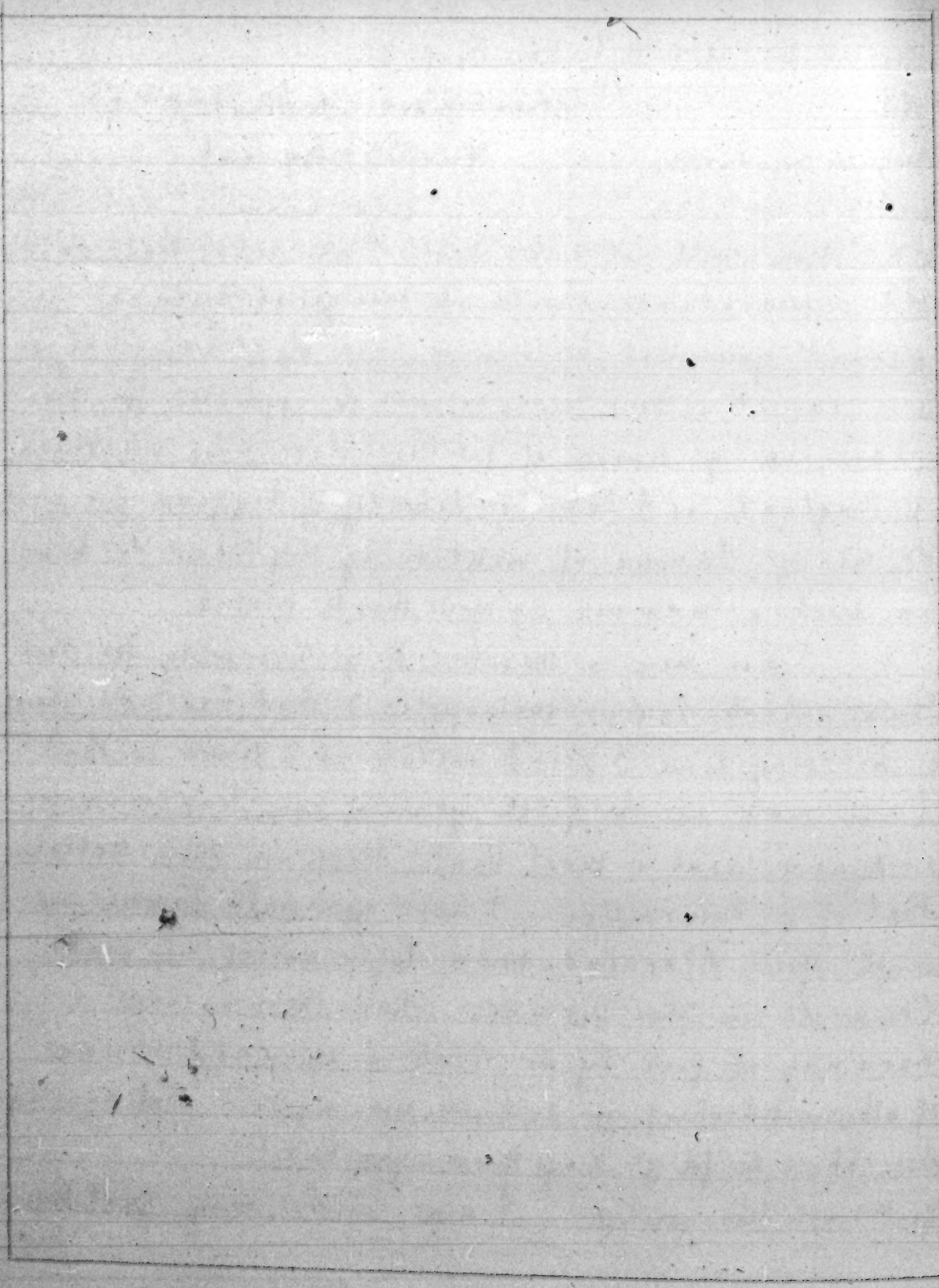
Charles Town in So Carolina
ye 28th May 1725

Sir,

You will not take it ill I am sure, that an old acquaintance should at this great distance acquaint you that he is in ye Land of ye living and as wee expect a New Governor will be appointed for this place, in ye room of Mr Nicholson upon his return to England, so I take ye liberty of begging you will do me ye favour of mentioning my Name to him in such a manner as you think proper.

I am now a Member of ye Assembly for this Town, which is Our Metropolis, + that has made choice of me every time I stood which is 3 times so that I am now in the fifth year of my Senatorship, and as ye next + most Honble Stepp in these parts is that of a Councellour I hope you will favour me with your Recomendation to be one of his Maties Councill in this Province where there is now a Vacancy of five by the Death of some and absence of others. Which if you do I give you my Word that my acting there shall be for ye King's Honor + your Credit.

Honble Temple Stanyan Esqr I am with very great Respect
Sir



Sir,

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
John Lloyd

P.S.
pray Sir my humble
service to Mr. Tickle
& Mr. Belaquir.

B P R.O. South Carolina B.T. Vol 2 B 104

(8th June 1725)

Sir

I received a Letter from you; relating to the giving proper Encouragement for the Settling of six hundred Swiss by the Lords Proprietors in the Province of Carolina; and I have intimated to their Lordps the Information the Lords Commissioners were pleased to give me, when I had the Honr to attend them; Vizt: That His Majesty was pleas'd to signify his pleasure to them by His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretarys of State, that Encouragement Should be given by the Lords Proprietors to such of those Switzers who had a mind to settle in that Province

I am now therefore to informe you that I have not only laid your Letter before the Lords Proprietors, but also acquainted them with the said Information, & their Lordps took those Affairs into Consideration, and they in Obedience to his Majesty's Royal Pleasure, have stipulated and agreed with the said Mons[r] Purry, nam'd in your Letter for the transporting of twelve hundred Natives of Switzerland into South Carolina upon Terms very Advantageous for them

Alured Popple Esq[r]

them, six hundred of which are to be transported this next Autum, and the rest within the compass of three Years from the Date of their Stipulation, And all of them upon their Arrival are to be Settled in the Southern Parts of the Province.

I am further to acquaint you that the Lords Proprietors finding that the Swits were not able to defray the Charges of their Transportation & they conceiving that such Settlement would tend to increase His Majestys Customs and the Trade of the Kingdom, they have agreed with the said John Peter Purry, that they will be at the Charges not only of transporting them, but also that they shall not be chargeable with any Quit Rents for the first three Years.

I am commanded further to acquaint you that the great Loss the Lords Proprietors have suffered by the nonpayment of the Quit Rents for many Years past & the Discouragement that has been given by the present Governour to their Officers, in collecting those Rents is the Occasion that they have not lately proceeded in granting their Lands as usual which they intend to do as soon as the present Governor is removed I am

Sir

Your most humble Servt
Ri Shelton

St Jamess
June 8th 1725
Recd June 13th 1725
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B.P.R.O.

B.T. South Carolina Vol 25 p. 218.

To Richd Shelton, Esqr.

Sir,

I have laid Your Letter of the 8th Inst. before My Lords Comrs for Trade and Plantations, and their Lordships have commanded me to desire, You will acquaint the Right Hon.ble the Lords Proprietrs of Carolina that they very much approve of the Agreemt made with Mons.r John Peter Purry for the Settling 1200 Switzers in South Carolina which they think will be of great advantage to that Province.

I am,
Sir,
Your most humble Servt
Alured Popple.

Whitehall
June 16th 1725.

B.P.R.O. A+W.I. Vol 621

Copy of a Letter to Mr Burchett, from Mr Blakeway Judge of the Vice Admiralty of South Carolina, Dated 2 August 1725.

Honble Sir.

Yesterday arrived here a sloop from Jamaica the Master whereof informs me, that some French + Dutch ships, who had been down on the Spanish Coast, in order to Trade, arrived at Jamaica just before he sailed, + that they gave an Account, that the Spaniards of the Kingdom of Peru, finding the Prohibition of Foreign Trade severely put in execution by the Vice Roy, + several of the Principal of their Merchants hang'd for trading, contrary to the Laws of Spain, they have Proclaimed a new Vice Roy for themselves, pretending to make their own terms with the Crown of Spain: whatever may be their first intentions or pretence, this is thought to be a Revolt, + they are become so vastly numerous in all those Provinces, that I question if all the Power of Spain can reduce them. Altho' it is likely their Lordships may have this account before you will receive mine, yet the thing being so remarkable, I would not omit praying the favour of your laying it before their Lordships; I presume not to give you my Reflection how the matter may

may affect the South Sea Company, & the British Plantations in America, but remain &c

Wm Blakeway.

B.P.R.O. A+W.I. Vol. 621

To His Grace The Duke of Newcastle
One of His Majesty's Principle Secretarys of State
May it Please your Grace

I think it my Duty to Acquaint your Grace, That notwithstanding his Majesty's Order, your Graces, and the Rest of the Lords Justices Warrant. To the Attorney Genll, for a Patent to Pass the Seals, for the Secretary's Place of South Carolina; The Proprietors Secretary, (Mr Shelton) has put in a Caveat in the Signett Office, against the said Patent passing the Seals. Disputing his Majesty's Royal Power, in the Government of that Province

Therefore Most humbly Pray your Grace will be pleased to give Instructions to a Proper Person, to enquire into this matter, and to order His Majesty's Royal Patent to Proceed under the Seals.

May it Please your Grace
Yor Graces
Most Dutifull Servt
John Hammerton

(Enclosure)

(Enclosure.)

Sr. I forbear waiting on you least I might be thought too troublesome, but beg the favour to know, if my Lord Duke has yet given any directions about my affair. I should not be thus importunate in it, but fear my friends in Jamaica (Sr Nicholas Lawes & my Brother Long) should think me negligent on what I came hither for (since I came on purpose) I hope you will pardon this, & be so good to forward my business.

I am

Sr

Septemr 4. 1725. Yor Most Obedt &
Most Humble Servant.
John Hammerton.

(Enclosure.)

To his Grace the Duke of Newcastle.

May it Please your Grace.

To permit me to Remind your Grace of the favour you was pleas'd to promise Sr Robert Walpole in my behalfe. I most humbly beg to lay before your Grace That I have lain under some misfortunes ever since the unhappy time of the South Sea stockes, and my continuance in England is of very ill consequence to me, As your Grace has been A Patron to the unfortunate most humbly Pray I may share your Generous Compassion By your Graces ordering my business to be done.

I should not thus intrude on your Graces time, But my present circumstances press me to it,

I am

Yor Graces

Most Dutifull &

Most Obedt Servt

John Hammerton

(Enclosures.)

Sr

I beg you to excuse this liberty I take to put me in your thoughts, because Sr Robert Walpole told my Brother Long, the day he went out of Town, a warrant was Order'd for me, and he believed my Business would be done before his return. Therefore humbly intreat the favour of you, that you will be pleased to speak to his Grace, That I may have a warrt signi'd by their Excellency's to morrow, which favour I will endeavour to acknowledge in the best manner I am capable,

I am Sr

Octor 27. 1725. Your most Obedt &

Most Obliged Humble Servt

(Charles Delafay Esqr) John Hammerton.

Sr To Charles Delafay Esqr

As I'm inform'd my Lord Duke goes out of Town tomorrow, presume to take this liberty, humbly to beg you will be pleas'd to get his Graces orders in my affair this night, which favour shall be gratefully acknowledged By

Sr your most Obedt most Obliged & Most Humle Servt

John Hammerton

(Enclosure.)

To His Grace The Duke of Newcastle
One of His Majesty's Principal Secretarys of State.

May it Please your Grace

When I had the Honour to Speake to your Grace last Thursday about the Secretarys Place of Carolina, your Grace was pleased to tell me it was a little difficult to do, from which I humbly conceive, that when Sr Robert Walpole did me the Honour to Speake to you, He did not Rightly acquaint your Grace of my affair. I do not aske to depose Mr Hart the Present Secretary He desires your Graces leave to Resign that Place to me, and sent a Petition to your Grace from Carolina by me which Petition I shew'd Mr Delafay when I first arrived in England, and gave it to Sr Robert and presume he gave it to your Grace when he first spoke to you in my behalfe.

The Secretary has served several years in that imploy, But now so very infirm with the loss of his limbs is not capable to act longer therein.

As Sr Robt Walpole has done me the honour to aske this favour of your Grace and it is by the Secretarys Request, I do most humbly beg your Grace will please to order it to be done, no one shal be more carefull in the execution of the imploy then

your Graces Most Dutifull & most obdt humble Servt
John Sammeton.

(Enclosures.)

To His Excellency Sr Robert Walpole.

Your Excellency was pleas'd to order me to order me to attend you the last sitting of the Regency and that you was pleas'd to say you would speak to the Duke of Newcastle in my behalfe as my Lord Walpole desired in his Letter to your Excellency, That his Grace would permitt me to succeed Mr Hart the Secretary of Carolina. I then gave your Excellcy Mr Harts Petition to his Grace for that purpose. I am with all Duty

Yor Excellcys

Most Obedient & Most Humble Serot

John Hammerton.

To His Grace the Duke of Newcastle

May it please your Grace.

I most humbly Pray your Grace to permitt my affair to be dispatchid, as your Grace has a Compassion for Persons under Unfortunate Dilemmas, My continuance in England, is of ill consequence to me. I humbly hope your Grace will pardon this, and permitt me to be your Grace's

Most Dutifull & Most Obedt Humble Serot

John Hammerton.

(Enclosures.)

Sr

Sr Robert Walpole has order'd me to apply to the Duke of Newcastle & give him a memorial of this affair. and as soon as the Council setts, he will move it there; I should be glad if you'l give me leave to meet you at the Dukes Office this Evening at Eight oclock, when I shall give his Grace the memorial as Sr Robert has order'd me it being very Requisite you should apear in it.

I am Sr

7 January 1725. Yor Most Humble Servt.

(To Genll Nicholson) John Hammerton

To The Right Honble Sr Robert Walpole.

Honble Sr

I am in a Dilemma how I shall dare give you a farther trouble in this, But as you take a pleasure to serve the unfortunate and my Lord Walpole has been pleas'd to Recommend this affair for the sake of my wife's family. Do humbly hope you will please to pardon me.

I have attended the Duke of Newcastle ever since you did me the Honour to Speake to his Grace, and

and he has been pleas'd to tell me It is a difficult matter, But it shall be done if it can: so find there is not yet any progress made in it. I told his Grace I did not endeavour to succeed Mr. Hart the present Secretary, without his Consent, he having Petitioned his Grace for that purpose. And he hitherto has acted as Secretary, only by Patent from the Lords Proprietors (who then were) and since Carolina has become the Kings Government, Mr. Hart has not aply'd to the Secretary of State, for his Majesty's Patent as all other Secretarys of his Majesty's Plantations in America have.

As you did me the Honour to Speake to his Grace in my behalfe. Do most humbly Pray you will be pleas'd to interceed with my Lord Duke. That if I am so happy to have his Majesty's Patent that it may be forwarded, my affairs here at present not being in the best posture. The voyage I took from Jamaica, to Carolina, (where I articled with the Secretary) and from thence hither has been very expensive; That if I return to Jamaica without Success, 'twill be of the greatest prejudice to me.

My Brother Long will in the best manner acknowledge so great a service done for his Sister, he did not presume to trouble you in this business, but

but wrote to my Lord Walpole, and since his Lordship has been pleas'd to Recommend me, hope you'l please to pardon and permitt me the Honour to be

Honble S^r

yor Most Dutifull

Most Obedient & Most

Humble Servant

John Hammerton.

To the Right Honble Sr Robert Walpole

Honble S^r

My Lord Walpole being not yet come to Town, I most Humbly presume to implore your favour in my Affair.

The Duke of Newcastle has Order'd my Business to be done, and Mr Delafaye has directed a Warrant to be drawn out for a Patent for me; which is not so full as I was in hopes to have had it, nor does it answer the Business of the Secretary's Office in Carolina, so particularly as it might.

Mr Delafaye has been pleased to draw it, Secretary, Clerk of the Councill and Clerk of the Inrolments; but the Chief Appendance belonging thereto is not inserted, viz: Register of the Records. All the Records

of

of the Province, and the Publick Transactions of both Council & Assembly, have always been Register'd and Fil'd in the Secretary's Office; (and it is a considerable perquisite.)

If I am not so happy to have it inserted in the Patent, any Governour to my prejudice may appoint another Person Register, though that branch belongs to the Secretary.

Therefore I most Humbly Pray your Honour, That you will be pleas'd to speak to the Duke of Newcastle, that I may have it Inserted in the Patent; there being no salery, and the whole Income of that Office with all the perquisites, does not exceed Three hundred pounds a year.

I am Honble Sr
Your Most Dutifull
Most Obedt &
Most Humble Servant
John Hammerton.

B.P.R.O. A/c N.I Vol 18 p. 79.

(10 Sept. 1725.)

May it Please your Grace,

The Agent of this Province has Orders to write on your Grace with severall papers lately sent to me by the Governour of St Augustine, amongst which I find a Copy of a Letter from your Grace to the Spanish Ambassador in London acquainting him, that it was his Majesty's pleasure that Orders should be dispatched to the Government of Carolina to settle the Bounds of the two Governments wth the Governour of St Augustine, and that in case the Fort erected on Allatamahaw River should be found within the Spanish Territoryes, the same should be imediately demolished, or an Equivalent given for the same.

I humbly take leave to Represent to your Grace that the said River was never in the possession of the Spaniards, therefore I hambly presume cannot be reckoned within their Territoryes. I further crave leave to lay before your Grace the ill consequences of Demolishing the said Fort, for should they take possession of that River (as wee have reason to believe they will if the same be given up) they will entirely deprive this Province of all the Trade and

Obedience

Obedience of the Western Indians, which will not only leave us Naked and Defenceless, but greatly hinder the Consumption of the Woollen and other Brittish Manufactures

I further beg leave to Represent to your Grace, that in the Powers sent to the Governour of St Augustine He is directed to settle the Boundaryes of his Catholick Majesty's Territoryes pursuant to a Treaty between the two Crowns in the Year 1670, At which time the English were in possession of noe more Land, than in and about Charles Towne, soe that with Submission I think that the Spaniards may as well claime all the Lands within a few Miles adjacent, as those lye-ing on the Allatamahaw River; — By Royall Charter granted to the Lords Proprietors by King Charles the Second, there is granted to them All that Tract of Land called Carolina which lyes within the Degrees of 36 and 30 Minutes Northern Latitude, as far as the Degrees of 29 Inclusive Northern Latitude. The River Allatamahaw, Upon which Fort King George is Erected, lyes in the Latitude of about 31 Degrees and a halfe, so that it lyes two Degrees and a halfe to the Northward of the Extent of the said Charter to the Southward,

I shall not presume further on your Graces patience, but humbly beg your Favour to, and protection

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protection of this His Majesty's Province, which has the Honour of being under your Graces direction and Subscribe myselfe with the greatest Submission and respect.

May it please your Grace
Your Grace
Most humble and most
Obedient Servant
A. Meddleton.

September ye 10: 1725.

B.P.R.O. A & W I. Vol. 18. p. 80

(10 Sept. 1726.)

May it please your Excellency

Since your Excellency's departure from your Government on the Second day of September instant Arrived here Thirty Spaniards in two Boats from St Augustine, they brought with them Several Orders and letters from his Catholick Majesty to their Governour and likewise a Copy of a Letter from his Grace the Duke of Newcastle his Majesty's principal Secty of State, about the Settling the boundaries of the two Governments and they had likewise Orders from the Governour of St Augustine to proceed on that affair, supposing we had received the like powers from His Brittanick Majesty; for your Excellency's better Information that nothing may be wanting on our parts we have transmitted to your Excellency the Original dispatches we received, (Copys of the same being lodged in the Secrtys Office) and by a verball Message they desired to have the Liberty of buying a Sloop, and that leave might be given to have a Chyrurgeon with them, both which requests I refused considering they might make an ill use of the same, and by their earnest desire they Express

Francis Nicholson Esqr. to

to have Fort King George demolished,

I was the more Induced to Act after this manner, when I reflected on that part of the King of Spain's Letter to his Governour, wherein he tells him to admitt of noe Equivalent, but upon refusal to have the Fort demolished, that then he use proper methods to doe his Majestie Justice.

Your Excellency very well knows of what Service that Fort is to the Safety of this Province and the dangerous Consequences that will attend the giving up of the same;

We shall not trouble you by this Opportunity about the affairs of the Indians any further then what the destroying of the Fort at Alatamaha may effect the Lower Creeks, who were settled on the Head of that River and are now withdrawn themselves nigher to the Spaniards since their late irruption with this Government, have lately sent us an Insulting answer to the Several matters proposed to them by Capt. Tobias Fitch sent unto them from this Government, which we may reasonably beleive to be Occasioned by the Spaniards being amongst them at the same time and have much more reason to beleive so since this late demand of theirs to have the Fort on Alatamaha demolish'd being as

they

they say within the King of Spains Territorys the giving up of which point will be owning that all the Creek Indians are depending on the Spaniards you may well remember how necessary 'twas thought for the safety of this Government that another fort should be built on the Forks of that River without which 'twould be impossible that we should be able to Reduce the said Indians, when ever they should think fitt to make Warr with us, which by their Actions we have great reason to beleive they intend, We therefore hope that his Majesty will never consent to the demolishing of that Fort it being within his Dominion and their being an absolute necessity for the Safety of his Subjects that another be settled on the Forks of the said River to maintain that River, for we have reason to beleive that the Spaniards will erect a Fort there as soon as we have quitted possession which will tend to the utter Ruin of this Collony.

The Assembly are Proroqued to the Twelfth of October at which time they are to meet in Order to do business and I hope before that to have the Honour to hear from you and whatever shall happen between the two Houses shall be transmitted to you by—

September the 10th 1726. Honble Sir

your

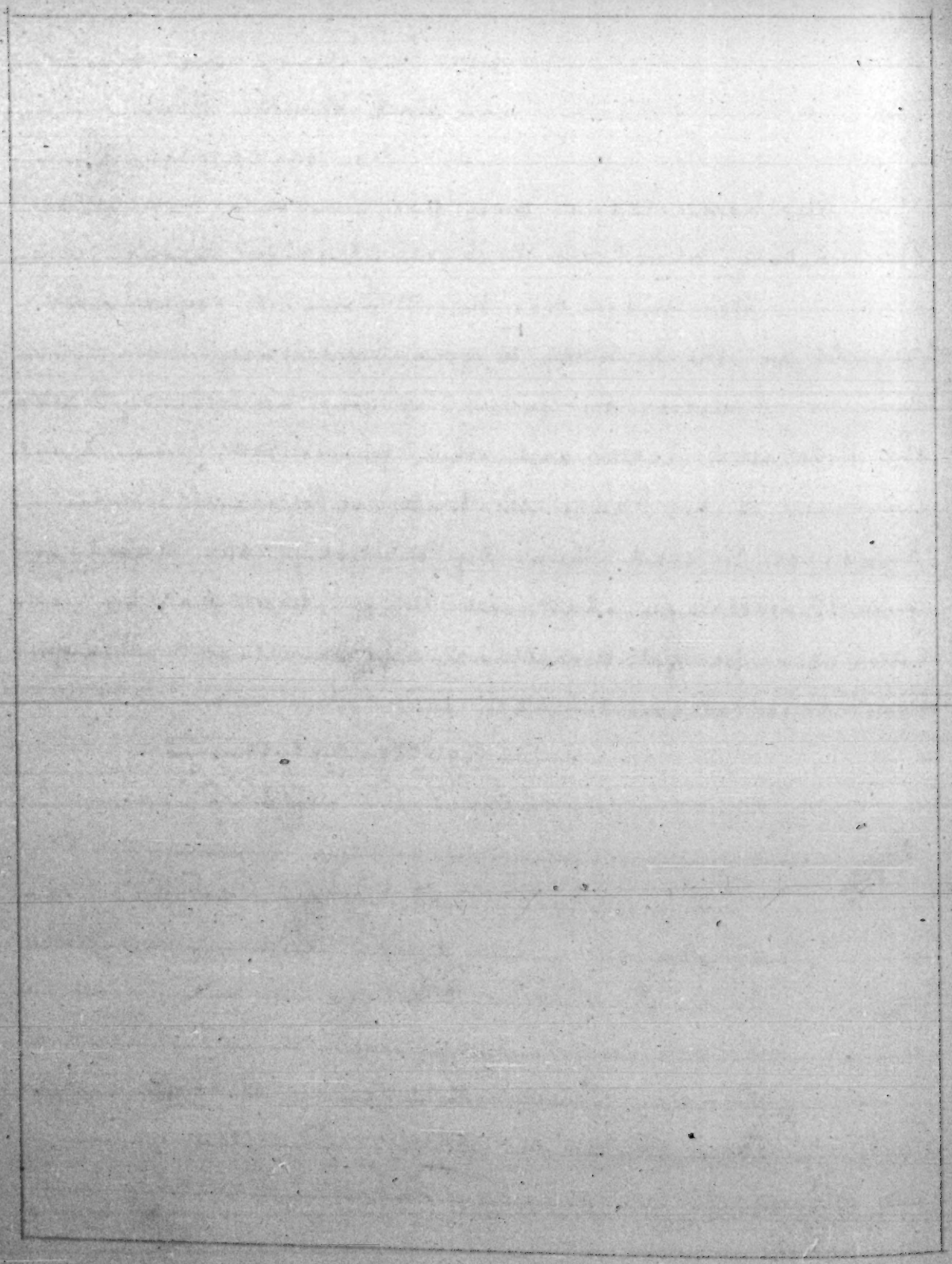
Your Excellency's most Obed.t
and most Humble Servt
Ar: Middleton

P.S. We have had a very fine summer and in all Probability are like to have plentiful crops.

His Majesties Hon.ble Council joyns with myself in their Duty to your Excellency.

I desire the favour of your Excellency to deliver the Enclosed Letter and other papers both Spanish and English to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle's owne hands, or to send them by Mr Yonge our Agent, as your Excellency shall see fit, I have sent his Graces Letter open for yo.r Excellency's perusall wch when you have done, please to seale it.

Ar: Middleton.



B. P. R. O. South Carolina B 2 vol 3

C. 4 To Allured Popple Esq London September the 24th 1725

Sir

I herewith send you the several Acts of Assembly undermentioned passed in South Carolina for the Consideration of their Lordships the Lords Commissioners of Trade the two last of which having Clauses in them that they are not of force until approved of by His Majesty I humbly hope their Lordships will be pleased to hasten the Reporting their opinion of them that such approbation may be obtained. I am, Sir

Your most humble Servant

Thos: Yonge

An Act For the better Regulation of the Indian Trade

" For raising a Tax

" For settling a Fair and Market in the Town of Dolchester

" For the encouragement of making Salt

" For appointing an Agent

" To empower the Churchwardens of St Georges to sell and dispose of the Glebe

" To empower the Comm.rs of the new Brick Church at Charles Town

" For establishing a Ferry from the plantation of James Moncam

" For Reviving the several Acts therein mentioned

" For preventing the Seas further Encroachment

" For vesting the sole making of Salt in Wm Mellichamp

" For founding a free School at Dolchester

An Ordinance. For adjourning of the General Sessions

Rec.d 24 Sept 1725
Read 28 do 1727

B.P.R.O.

B.T. South Carolina. Vol 25 p. 218. 27 Sept. 1725.

To Francis Fane Esq.

Sir,

My Lords Comniss.rs for Trade and Plantations command me to send you the 22 Acts passed in his Maj.ty's Province of South Carolina in 1722. 1722/3, 1723/4. and 1724. which you will herewith receive, according to the inclosed List, and thereupon to desire your Opinion in points of Law as soon as conveniently you can. I am,

Sir,

Your most Humble Servant

Alured Popple.

Whitehall
Sep.r 27.th 1725.

An Act to revive and continue an Act for carrying on the Building, and for finishing & Compleating the Brick Church in Charles Town, &c. passed in 1722

Acts passed in 1722/3.

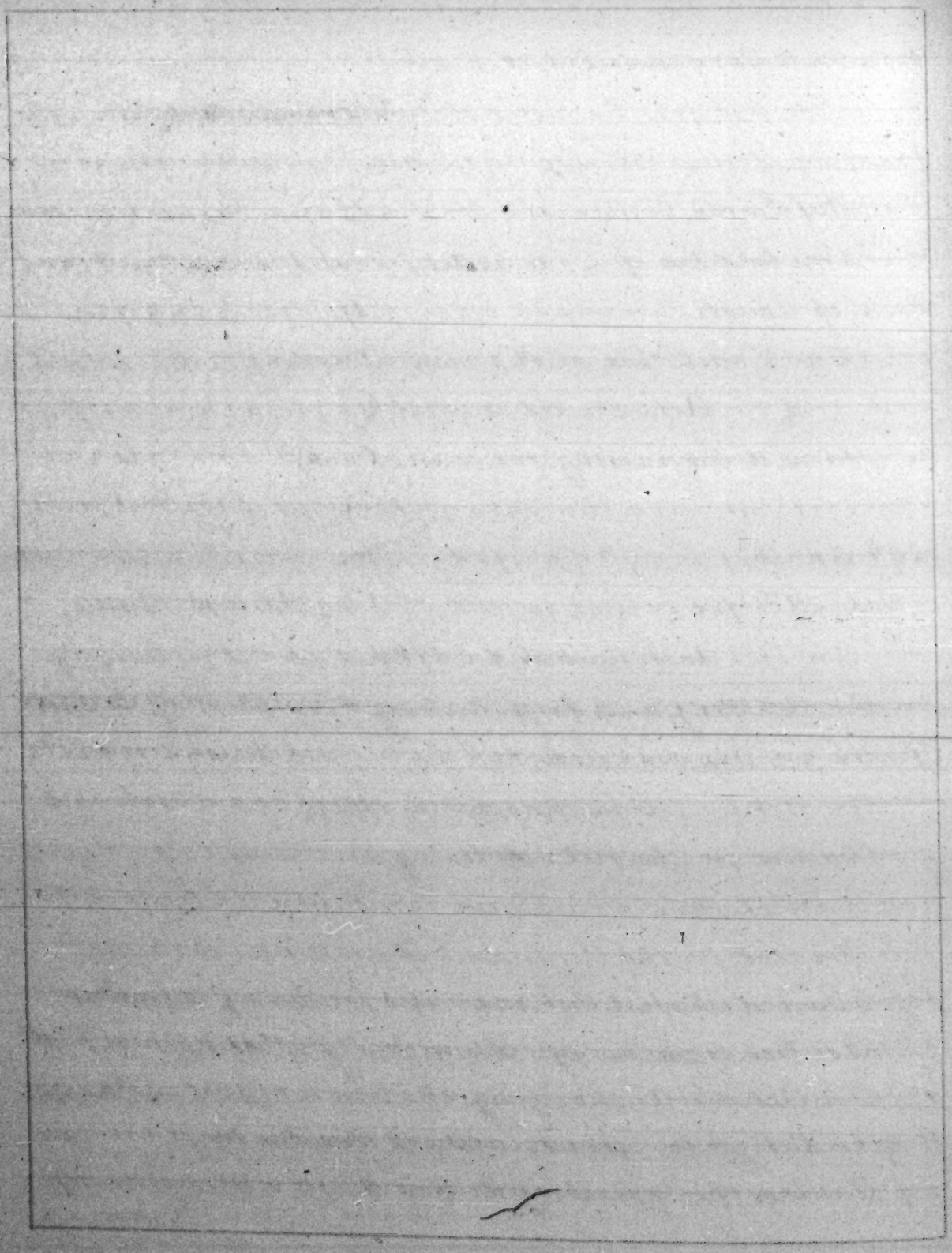
An Act for the better ordering, and Governing of Negroes and other Slaves.

An Act for the Amendm.t of An Act for the better regulation of the Indian Trade by appointing Comm.rs &c.

An Act to encourage the making of Hemp.

An Act for Authorizing the General Court in Charles City and Fort to exercise several Powers, &c.

An Act for granting to his Maj.ty a Duty & Imposition



tion on Negroes Liquors, &c.

An Act for the better strengthening, and securing, the Frontiers of this Province, by continuing the Garrison at the Pallachicola, &c.

An Additional Act to an Act for Establishing County and Precinct Courts.

An Ordinance of the General Assembly.

Acts passed in 1723/4

An Act for raising the sum of 11,642 on Lands and Slaves for defraying the Contingent Charges of the Govt from 29th Sept. Last to 29th Sept. 1724.

An Act for Calling in and sinking the Paper Bills.

Acts passed in 1724.

An Act for regulating the Guard at Johnson's Fort, and for the keeping good Orders in the Several Forts & Garrisons &c.

An Act for the keeping & maintaining a Watch and good orders in Charles Town.

An Act for settling and regulating the Pilotage of this Province.

An Additional Act to an Act for the better regulation of the Indian Trade by appointing Comrs for that purpose, Past 1721.

An Act for the better Security of this his Majs Province by putting the Inhabitants thereof in a better posture of Defence.

Defence.

An Act to revive and continue the several Acts therein mentioned.

An Act to appoint the Comrs to receive the sevl Sums of Money due on Bonds for Money taken up on Interest from the Publick.

An Act for Joyning & Annexing the Inhabitants of the Ferry Path to the same Divn with the Inhabts of the South Side of Ashley River, &c.

An Additional Act to An Act to appoint the Comrs to appoint the Comrs to receive the sevl sums of Money due on Bonds for Money taken up on Interest from the Publick.

An Addl Act to An Act for Keeping a Watch and good orders in Charles Town.

An Act for appointing a Comr for managing the Affairs of the Indians, &c, in the Room of the Honble Jas. Moore, Esq. deceased.

B. P. R. O. Carolina Prop.ry B. I Vol 5

27 September 1725

Know all men by these presents that We the True and Absolute Lords Proprietors of Carolina do hereby Give and Grant unto Thomas Lowndes Gent his Heirs and Assigns the Office and place and Offices and places of Provost Marshall. Clerk of the peace and Clerk of the Crown of and in the Province of South Carolina in America for the several and respective lives of the said Thomas Lowndes and Hugh Watson of the Middle Temple Gentleman to execute the same by the said Thomas Lowndes his heirs and assigns or by his or their sufficient deputy or deputies. And we do hereby authorize And impower the said Thomas Lowndes his heirs and assigns to demand receive take and enjoy all Salaries. Wages Fees Allowances. Profits. perquisites. Travelling Charges. Bill Money. Benefits Immunitys priviledges advantages and Emoluments anywise incident or appertaining to the said Offices or places or any of them in as ample beneficial Manner as any former Provost Marshall or Marshalls Clerk of the peace or Clerk of the Crown of and in the said Province of South Carolina or any Provost Marshall Clerk of the peace and Clerk of the Crown of any other Province or Colony in America have or hath used had received or enjoyed And lastly we do hereby Revoke and make Void all former Commissions granted for all or any of the said Offices or places by Us or our predecessors or by any Govern.r or Govern.rs of the s.d province of South Carolina Witness our hands & the Seal of the said Province this 27.th day of Sept.r 1725. Beaufort. Craven. Ja. Berkley

Hen: Berkley. J Colleton. J Ayrrell

1725

These belong to the year 1725
(transmitted in last parcel)
and should be placed with
the papers of that year.

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27 Sept 1725

John Ld Carteret Palatin. Henry Duke of Beaufort Mill.m Lord Craven and the rest of the Lords Proprietors of South Carolina in America To Edward Bertie Esq.r Greeting. Wee the Lords Proprietors of the Province aforesd out of the great Trust and confidence we have in your prudence Integrity and conduct do by these presents constitute and appoint you the said Edward Bertie to be Secretary and Registrar of that part of our Province of Carolina that lies South and West of Cape Fear hereby authorising you and giving you full power and authority either yourself or by your Deputy or Deputys from time to time appointed by you by Writing or Writings under your Hand and seal to be present at all meetings of the Governor and Council and of the Assemblys and to keep an exact Register of all their proceedings Acts and Orders and also to receive from the Surveyor or Surveyors General all Certificates of Lands by him set out and Surveyed according to the Warrants to him directed and to draw up all such Leases Conveyances and Assurances of Land as you shall from time to time by us or by our Governor with the consent of four or more of the Council be appointed and when they are legally signed and executed you shall carefully enrol the same and do and perform yourself or by your Deputy all other acts usually done by the former Secretarys of that part of our Province aforesd And we do hereby farther Impower you to receive all perquisites Fees and advantages whatsoever to the sd office of Secretary belonging or in anywise appertaining To have and to hold the sd office of Secretary and Registrar together with all the profits and perquisites thereof

to you

to you the said Edward Berke and your assigns with such power of appointing Deputys as aforesaid for and during the term of the natural life of you the said Edward Berke and William Berke your Brother and the survivor of you and we do hereby repeal all former Commissions by us at any time granted for the s.d office given at St. James under our hands and the seal of Our Province this Twenty seventh day of September Anno Domini 1725

Beaufort
Craven
J. Berke
J. Colleton
Hen. Berke
John Tyrrell

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23 November 1725

South Carolina

Report of the Committee on The Treasurers Accounts

Rec.d from Mr. Bragg

Rec.d July 6th
Read Sept. 28th } 1727.

The Publicks General account . . . . . Dr . . . .

1746

		£.	s	d
To cash paid Jn° Stone Ord^rs for a Negro killed as p^d Folio		100	.	.
To D° paid an order on Acco^t of Johnsons Fort		25	.	.
To D° paid an order to William Hatton		200	.	.
To D° and an order to Judge Trott Esq		1000	.	.
To D° paid on Acc^t for a convenient Armorey		350	.	.
To D° paid an Ord^r for ye bounty of Brig Carthwright burden 90 Tunns at 7/6 p^r Tun H^l		33	15	.
	£	1708	15	.
To D° paid on acco^t of paroch^l Charges as p^d Folio	1	455	.	.
To D° paid on acco^t of ye Master & Usher of ye Free School p^d fol	1	602	15	.
To D° paid on acco^t of repairing the Parsonage Houses as p^d fol	1	300	.	.
To D° paid on acco^t for Repai^g Salarys & provisions of Fort Moore. amount^g as p^d fol .	19	2225	15	2
To D° paid on acco^t of Salarys Presents^rs and other Necessa^ys for ye Pallachocla Garris^n p^d fol	18	1512	14	.
To D° paid on acco^t of Salarys Presents^rs & other Necessa^ys for ye Scout Boat p^d fol . .	5	1159	5	3
To D° paid on acco^t of Salarys Presents^rs & other Necessa^ys for Johnsons Fort p^d fol . .	6	439	10	4½
To D° paid ye Armorer and Gunner of Charles Town p^d folio	7	350	.	.
To D° paid ye Messengers and Clerks for Meetings p^d fol	7	532	12	6
To D° paid on Account of Beasts of prey . . . p^d fol	8	17	10	.
To D° paid for a House for ye use of Assembly . . p^d fol	8	30	.	.
To D° paid an order for Theo: Hastings Salary . . p^d fol	8	200	.	.
To D° paid for repairing ye Fortifications of C. Town p^d fol	9	250	.	.
To D° paid for a convenient Armourey . . . . p^d fol	9	300	.	.
To D° paid for a House for ye Free School . . . p^d fol	9	100	.	.
To D° paid on account of Christ Church parish . . p^d fol	10	300	.	.
To D° paid to one Joe as Interpreter to ye Creeks . . p^d fol . . .	10	200	.	.
To D° paid ye Comissary of ye Garrisons . . . p^d fol	11	200	.	.
	£	11103	17	3½

per Contra . . . . . Cr

1724/5		£	s	d
Feb 15				
By Ballce of Account this day settled		6831	4	9¾
	Carried over	6831	4	9¾

To the Debt Brought over . . . . . Dr

		£	s	d
		11103	17	3½
To Cash paid yᵉ Treasurer for receiving Tax ff 08	11	300	..	..
To Dᵒ paid the Accounts depending before the Committee of Accounts as ff folio	12	2508	15	8
To Dᵒ paid for contingencies as per folio	13	3936	4	
To Dᵒ paid on accᵒ of ye Indian Trade ff 08 . . .	17	333	..	..
		18182	6	11½
Cash remaining in the Treasurers hands	£	4639	18	7
	£	22822	5	6½

Per Contra . . . . . Cr

	£	s	d
By the sum Brought over	6381	4	9¾
By Cash recd on Account of Taxes for the year 1725	14919	18	6
By Cash received of Messrs Hatton & Barker for their debt due to the Public	417	2	3
By Cash received on account of Indian trading Lycence	940	.	.
By Cash recd of Robert Tradd on acct of Taxes outstanding	80	.	.
By Cash recd for Indian Men sold for Acct of ye Public	25	.	.
By Cash received of Madm Middleton for the Tax of Landgrave Mortons Estate for the year 1724	59	.	.
£	22822	5	6¾

The Publick on Acct of Burning the Paper Currency Dr.

1726

	£	s	d
To Cash paid sundry salarys & Drawbacks as p Acco[t] in Ledger N[o] C. Fol (22)	3528	13	9¼
Cash remaining in the Treasurers hands to be burnt	31444	1	4¼
£	6972	15	1½

The Public on Account of Paying the Watch in Charles Town. Dr.

1726

	£	s	d
To Cash paid as p Acco[t] in Ledger C. Fol. (24)	402	6	5¾
Cash remaining in the Treasurers hands	83	7	
£	485	13	5¾

per Contra . . . . . Cr

	£	s	d
By duty of sundry Goods imported and Exported as fo Accot in Ledger C Folio 22	6958	14	7½
By sundrie Errors in the Entries to the prejudice of the Public	14	0	6
	£6972	15	1½

per Contra . . . . . Cr

	£	s	d
By Tavern Lycences and Goods Imported as f Accot in Ledger C Folio (24)	485	13	5¾

The

An Account of what Money remains in the Treasurers hands (Included in the Genral Balance) to Complete the several Funds hereafter mentioned

	£	s	d
For the repairs of Parsonage Houses	500	.	.
Salarys and provisions for Fort Moore	497	4	10
Ditto for the Apalachocula Garrison	340	6	.
Ditto for the Scout Boats	396	14	9
Ditto for Johnsons Fort	67	9	7½
Ditto for Boats of Prey	32	10	.
Ditto for Fortifications of Charles Town	150	.	.
Ditto for Christ Church Parish	300	.	.
Ditto for a Commission to goe to the Creeks	800	.	.
Ditto for Colours for the Town Bastians	100	.	.
Ditto for Acco^{ts} before the Committee of Acco^{ts}	36	.	6
Ditto for Contingencies	163	16	.
Ditto for the Watch of Charles Town	83	7	.

The Committee having examined the Accts hereunto annexed with the several particulars of them do find the Ballance remaining in the hands of Col. Alexander Parris Treasurer the sum of Eight thousand one hundred Sixty Seven pounds six shillgs & 11d 3/4 to wit viz:-

The Balance of the General Cash Account	£ 4639. 18. 7 1/4
The Balance on Acct of Duties of Imports and Exports appropriated to be sunk	3444. 1. 4 1/2
The Balance of Acct for paying the Watch in Charles Towne to May	6 83. 7.
	£ 8167. 6. 11 3/4

On examining the Tax Bill your Committee finds a deficiency of the sum of twelve hundred nineteen pounds fifteen shillings and ninepence arising as follows viz:-

The sum to be raised by the Tax Law		£ 16658. 18. 1
1/6 p.t to be raised in Charles Town	£ 2776. 9. 8	
5/6 on the Country	13882. 8. 5	
		£ 16658. 18. 1
Raised on y.e Inhabitants of y.e Town as p.r Tax List	£ 2787. 2. 6	
Raised on y.e Country as p.r Tax List	12651. 19. 10	
		£ 15439. 2. 14
The sum Deficient		1219. 15. 9
The raised by the Country as above		12651. 19. 10
Overpaid by the Town		10. 12. 10
The Tax which the Country ought to pay		13882. 8. 5
Paid by the Town		2776. 9. 8
The whole Tax appointed to be raised by the Act		£ 16658. 18. 1

Which

Which deficiency of Twelve hundred Nineteen pounds fifteen shillings & nine pence Your Committee are of opinion ought to be raised on the Country by the next Tax It appearing by the above acc.t that the Town hath paid more than their proportion of the whole sum appointed to be raised by the Tax Law . . . £10 . 12 . 8

That there is still unpaid of this Tax the sum of Five hundred and Nineteen pounds three shillings and ten pence for which the Treasurer has issued Execution and which as he receives he must give Credit for in the next account. Your Committee observes that by an account annexed there are (included in the General Balance due from the Treasurer) several sums of Mony appropriated to distinct uses which we are of opinion ought to be diverted. Your Committee on examining the several Entries of goods Imported take leave to make the following observations. That the following Goods pay no duty. Hoes from the West Indies - Axes and other Iron manufactures from New England. which the Committee are of opinion ought to be subjected to a duty. That Train Oil imported from Cape Fear River has paid a duty of seven shillings & sixpence ₱ barrell which the Committee are of opinion is not liable to any duty since the West side of that River is deemed within the Limits of this Government. - That the Goods entered by Transient people appear to the Committee to have been undervalued by which means the public duties are much less lessened which we are of opinion proceeds from a neglect of the Comptroller in not duly swearing the parties to their Entries.

Your Committee further observes that the several Garrisons and Scout Boats are paid off to the twenty ninth day of September last excepting on of the Scout Boats which is paid but to the 25th March last

James Kinlock
Benj.a De La Conseillere

November the 23rd 1725

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10 December 1725

A Caveat that no Grant be passed for any Office in So. Carolina

By Vertue of an Authority to me given by the Right Hon.ble John Lord Carteret Henry Duke of Beaufort William Lord Craven and the rest of the Lords Proprietors of the Province of Carolina in America I do hereby humbly desire that no Commission or grant whatsoever may pass the Great or privy Seal for any Office or Imployment whatsoever or any Lands in South Carolina till the s.d Lords Proprietors shall be acquainted therewith by notice to me their Secretary to the end that the said Lords Proprietors may be heard touching their right to appoint the Officers in that Government which by their Charter under the Great Seal of England they are impowered to doe And have from the year 1663 enjoyed the same without interruption. December the 10th 1725

Ri: Shelton

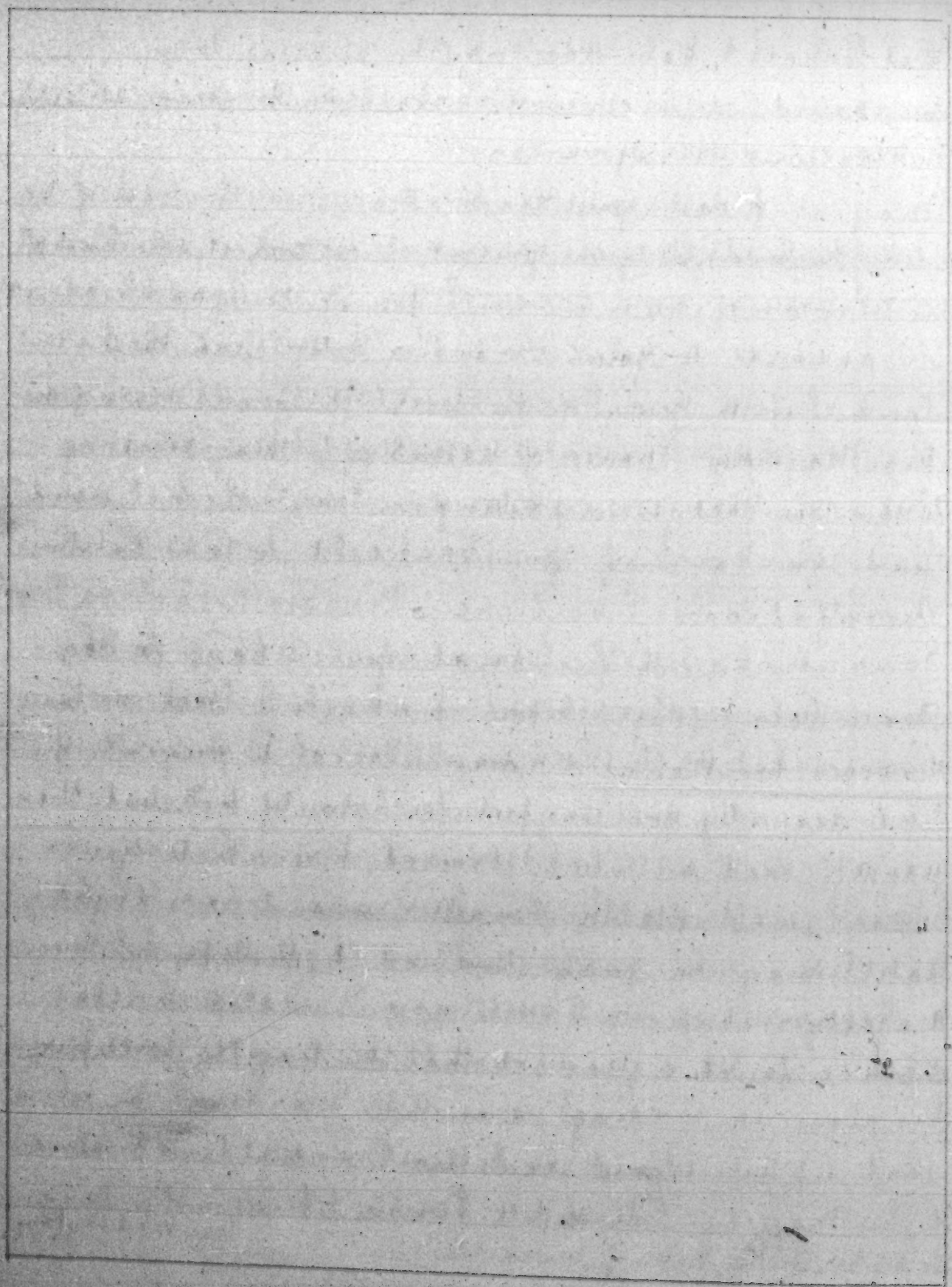
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Charles Town December 20th 1725.

May it please your Grace

I did myself the Honour on the Tenth of September last, to give you an Account of the Receipt of a Copy of your Grace's Letter to the Spanish Minister in London in relation to the Complaint he has laid before your Grace about the Boundaries of this his Majesty's Province & that of St Augustine a Spanish Garrison on Florida, Since which I have had the Honor of Your Graces Commands therein directed to his Excellency Francis Nicholson Esqr Governour or to the Commander in Chief for the time being; the receipt of which I have not Communicated to the Spanish Govr of St Augustine; knowing very well my own Incapacity to Transact in an affair of so much Moment, & His Majesty's Interest, and that of this his Province; and beleiving that in a very small time we shall have the Honour & happiness of his Excellency General Nicholson's Return to us again (or that his Majesty will supply his place in sending us another Governour) by whom that Affair would be better Managed, and more to his Majesty's Interest & Service. I humbly begg that

To His Grace the Duke of Newcastle



that what I have done may be pleasing to your Grace for should it be otherwise I shall think it an Everlasting misfortune to me. —

May it please your Grace

Pursuant to the Desire of his Majesty's Council of this Province; (as you will see by their address to me) I Transmitt to Your Grace a Letter from those Gentlemen with Copys of the severl Original Messages from the Lower house of Assembly to them, relating to the Priviledge in passing the Tax Bill, I also send your Grace a Copy of what I said to them on their Prorogation.

I humbly entreat your Grace to lay this whole Affair before his majesty that we may receive his Royal Orders thereon to prevent the like disputes for the future. I doubt not but the papers that will be delivered herewith to your Grace, will sett this matter in so true a light, that I may be fully Enabled to justifye his Majestys Council & thereby put a Stop to all such unjust & Unwarrantable Cavills hereafter.

I am Sr

Your Graces most Obedient and most

Faithfull humble Servant

Ar. Middleton

B.P.R.O. A+W.I. Vol. 18. p. 82.

(20 Dec. 1725)

May it please your Grace

By the 35th Article of his majesty's Royall Instructions to His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esqr or the Commander in chief for the time being, his Majesties Councill of this Province are invested with a power of framing altering and amending money Bills; but the Members of the Lower House of Assembly have not only by several Messages denyed us any such Power; contrary to the Kings instructions and the constant practice of this Province; but have by a vote of their House declared that the Members of his Majesties Councill here, have no power to make any alterations to a Tax Bill. —

Notwithstanding We looke upon the same as detrimental to his Majesties Royal Prerogative; We have been obliged to give our Assent to an Act for raising a Tax on the Inhabitants of this Province for the support thereof; whereby We have (by the Lower House of Assembly) been put upon the necessity of either Rejecting the same, or passing it after their own manner. —

We do assure Your Grace that the apprehen-

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sion We were under of the Confusion that must have Ensued upon rejecting a Bill that provided for the Support of the Governmt was the only inducemt for our giving our assent thereto; and We hope that his Majesty will please to give it a favourable Construction.

We inclose for Your Grace's better information all the messages that have passed between his Majesties Council, and the Assembly on this subject; as We think it our indispensable duty to inform You of everything wherein his Majesties Interests is concerned; so We hope from Your Graces Goodness you will be pleased to lay this Affair before his Majesty, and that he will be graciously pleased to Signifye his Royal pleasure herein for the preventing all disputes of this Nature that may arise for the future. — I am

Sir

Charles Town 30th Dec. 1725. Your Grace's most Obedient and most faithfull humble Servant

Signed at the Desire of his Majesty's Councill

R. A. Izard

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Charl. Town So Carol Jan.y 1724/5

May it please Yo.r Lordp.s

According to my Duty I wrote to Yo.r Lordp.s the 3.d and 16.th of Decemb.r last which I hope You will Receive & I herewith Send Yo.r Lordps a Duplicate of that of the 16.th. I thank God we have had an Extraordinary Good Winter which hath been very well for y.e Pitch and Rice more particularly the former of which Great Quantities are made and I herewith Send Yo.r Lordp.s a List of Our Ships and Vessells And We expect Several more from Great Brittain, the Continent and the Islands. I likewise Transmitt to Yo.r Lordp.s Thomas Gadsden Esq.r Collect.r his Acco.t and Lists of Ships and Vessells by which and the other Lists Yo.r Lordp.s may please to See y.e present Thriving State of Our Trade wch I hope in God will be in part an answer to y.e Peticoners

I have already Transmitted to Yo.r Lordps Some Addresses &c on the said Petic.on & I hereth inclose to Yo.r Lordp.s the Humble Petic.on of Granvil County to his Most Sacred Ma.ty & humbly begg Yo.r Lordps will do with it as you think proper

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I also Send Yo^r Lordps a Copy of the Address of the Said County Court as also Addresses from Hanover Precinct Court and Grand Jury and its Supposed that when the other County and Precinct Courts and Jurys meet they will do the Same.

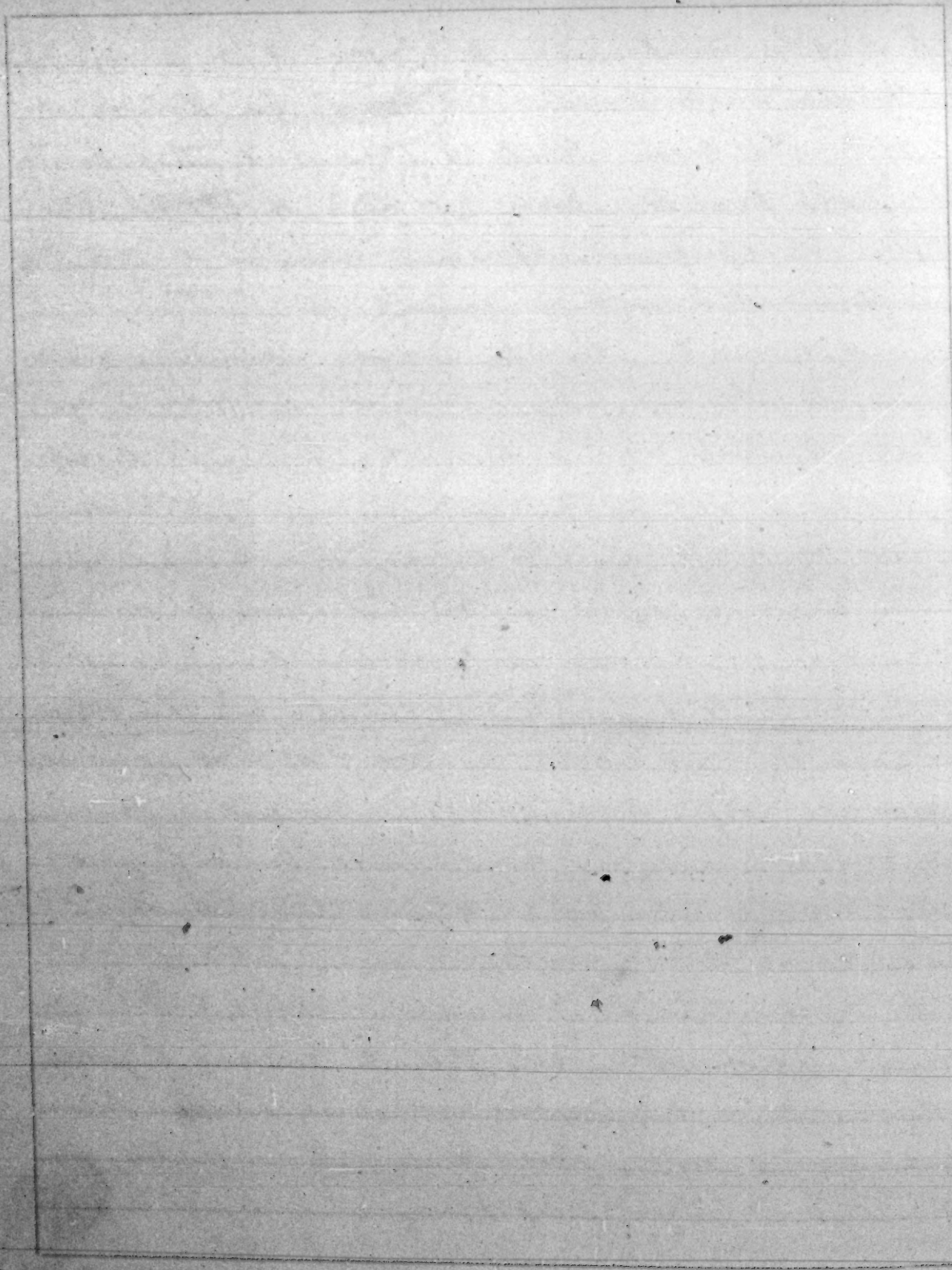
Those who pretend to Stand as Members for the Ensuing Assembly tell the People that they are against the Said Petic^on & for Bills because they think that will prevail with the People to Choose them.

I herewith Send Yo^r Lordps Copys of the Papers concerning the late Assembly, by which Yo^r Lordp^s will please to See what hath hapned upon that affair for one way or other the Church Wardens did not Comply with the Law therefore We Extracted those Directions Out of ye Act for the Church Wardens against the next Election so I hope there will be no more Blunders made by them; This Accident I fear will hinder my going to Great Brittain according to his Ma^ty^s Royal Lycence till the beginning of May next. so I Shall be the longer Debarrd from Paying my Duty to Your Lordp^s In ye Interim I remain

Your Lordp^s Most Obliged Obedient
and Faithfull humble Servt
Fr Nicholson 9 1

P. S. I herwith Send Yo. Lordpe No (1) ye Copy of the Honble the Councils Address to his Most Sacred Maty. The Order on wch ye said Petition is Grounded came from his Grace ye Duke of New Castle's Office The Original Address is therefore sent to his Grace —

Receed the 13th April } 1725
Read Novemr 18th }



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(Enclosure to Letter 21 Jan 1724)

14th January 1724/5

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty

The Humble Address of your Majties Council in the Province of South Carolina.

Your Majesties Royal leave to his Excellency Francis Nicholson Esqr. Our Governour being communicated to us by his Excellency lays us under the Strictest obligation before he depart hence to return your Majesty our Utmost thanks for appointing over us a Gentleman of so much Experience, so Conversant in business and every way Qualifyed for Government and for the many Signal Services he has done to this Province, and Pious Donations to our Several Churches and his other remarkable Acts of Charity and Piety, and as Wee could not suffer a more Sensible misfortune than by his Absence; So Wee heartily wish his safe and Speedy Return with your Majestys Royal Approbation and Favours.

His Excellency having declared that he will leave all Matters in this Province according to your Majestys Royal Command & Instructions and the Administracon of Affairs with Arthur Middleton Esqr. our President a Gentleman of distinguished Loyalty to your Majesty

Majesty and Justly Qualified for so great a Trust. Wee humbly begg leave to Assure your Majesty that Wee (who have the Honour to be of your Council) shall always be ready to give him our best Advice & Assistance to promote & Forward your Majestys Interest and Service in this your Province and to Shew our Loyalty to your Majesty & your Illustrious Family

For the happiness of which Blessd with long life health and Prosperity. Our Utmost Yeal Shall always be Employed and Our hearty Prayers shall never be Wanting wee are

May it Please your Majesty

Council Chambers Charles Town } Your Majesty's most Dutifull
January the 10th 1724 } most Loyal & Obedt Subjects

William Gibbon — Ra: Izard
James Kinlock — Wm Bull
Benjamin Schenckingh — A: Kene
Char: Hart

Recd the 15th April } 1725
Read Novbr 18th }

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(Enclosure to Letter 21 Jan 1724) . (22nd December 1724)

To His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq: his Majesties Capt: General and Commander in Chief in and over this his Majesties Province of South Carolina.

The Humble Address of the President and Assistant Judges of the County Court in the Parish of St Hellena and County of Granville with other Inhabitants thereof

May it Please your Excellency

We have taken leave to Petition his most Sacred Majesty to Suspend the hearing of the Petition lately preferred by some Merch.ts against the Paper Currency of this Province

We therefore humbly pray Your Excellency that you will be pleased to cause the said Petition to be transmitted to Great Brittain that it may meet with its desired effect which will greatly add to the Obligations your Excellency has Conferred on the Province and will be a favour done to

Your Excellencys most Faithfull and Obed.t Serv.ts

Beaufort Dec.r 22d 1724

John Woodward

Robt Wilkinson Willm Croscree John Palmer

Sam.l

Sam[l] Nichols	James Parmenter	William Hayzard
Job Turner	Jacob Wright	Joseph Parmenter
Tho[s] Hardwick	George Norton	Randall Evans
Sam[l] Watson	James Watson	William Mitchell
Rowl[d] Evans	Algenon Ash	Peter Parmenter
Arch[d] Hastings	John Cowin	James Tunley
Wm Jefforie	John Tripp Jun[r]	Will[m] Crosciee
Jos: Parmenter	Allen Mc Clean	Christ[r] Dawson
Tho[s] Parmenter	John Norton	James Scott
Thel[r] Parmenter	John Tripp	Barnabas Gilbert
Peter Parmenter	James Hatcher	Rich[d] Dawson
John Parmenter	John Field	Abel Barger
John Tinn	Will[m] Nichols	And[r] Patterson
Marg[t] Ellis	Thomas Hatcher	Aquille Rose
	Jonathen Norton	Rich[d] Rickells
	Rob[t] Orr	

Recod 15[th] April
Read 18[th] Nov[r] } 1725

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(Enclosure to Letter 21 Jan 1724)

(9th December 1724)

To his Excell.cy Francis Nicholson Esq. his Majestys Capt. Genl and Comander in Chief in and over this his Majesties Province of South Carolina

The Humble Petition of the Grand Jurors for Wando precinct held at Cam hoi the Ninth day of December 1724

May it please your Excell.cy

Tis with the greatest Satisfaction We return your Excell.cy thanks for Obliging us with Authentick Copys of a Petition Signed by some Supposed Merchants in Great Brittain who (as they say) Trade to this Province, As also the Petition and Address of the Grand Jurors for the body of this Province in Respect thereto, And the Address of the Petit Jurors then & there met

We cannot without injustice to our Selves & the Province in Gen.l Omitt Assureing your Excell.cy that the Petition presented to his Majesty King George our Gracious Sovereign, by those Merchants (unknown to us) is in our Opinion a Worthless idle thing & founded rather upon immaginary & groundless

groundless Matter than any real truth

Wherefore we humbly Joyne in Opinion with the Gentlemen of the Grand & Petit Jury aforesaid Humbly praying your Excell.y will be pleased to interpose your Interest for this Province that the Currency may not be Suppressed it being react to an Impossibility that this Province can Subsist if the Petition of those Merchants Should be granted.

And your Petit.rs will as in Duty bound ever pray &c.a

Tran.s Briton. Tran.s Simmons, Robt Daniel forman
Andrew Harnock, Charles Lewis I Goddard
Rich.d Senpblary Jo. Cumyng
Robt Stake Joseph Law
David Batchellar Isaac Lassene
Lewis Dutart James Sauineau
James Levous Jacque Boisseau
Charles Hayes

Recd 15th April
Read 18th Aprl } 1725

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(Enclosure to Sutton 21 Jan 1725)

To his Excellency Francis Nicholson Esqr his Majesties Captn Genl and Commander in Chief of this his Majesties Province of South Carolina.

The Humble Address of his Majesties Justices met at the Court of General Sessions in Wando Precinct.

May it Please your Excellency

We are under the utmost Surprize to find some Merchants and Traders to South Carolina as they Stile themselves Petitioning his Sacred Majesty in their own Names and in the behalfe of many others of the Inhabitants and Traders in the Province pretending to Shew that by the Govern^{r} and Assembly that a Paper Credit was imposed on them and that Traders and Inhabit^{s} were compelled to take the Same in Satisfaction of their goods and effects and also Insinuates that for Promoting the Paper Currency the Govr of this Province Promised the Same should be Soon called in and made good in proper Specie but instead of that they took upon them greatly to encrease and Establish the same to the amount of more than £120000

£120000 by which means it was so much diminished in
Value that £100 of those Bills would not produce
£100 Sterling We therefore beg leave to observe to your
Excellency the Weakness of the first Parragraph in
the said Petition and cant but Admire that men of
a Trading Genious should be led by Palpable mistakes
to Petition his Majesty to Redress that as an Evil
which the Trading World (not imposed upon by
Common Rumour) would on due Consideration Esteem
a Singular Advantage which has been Publickly by
a free Debate Manifested to your Excellency in a
full Conferrence of the General Assembly here and
the Arguments against the Paper money was entirely
Yeilded and Drapt and it being now resumed is a
Pregnant instance of the Vast Disadvantage We
Labour under by means of our Distant Situation
from his Royal Majesty and that we may not be too
Tedious to your Excellency we shall briefly reply to
the Parragraph mentioned which we hope will render
the Paper money acceptable to all persons of what
occupation so ever and first as to the Imposition
and Compulsion the Gentn Petitionrs Complain of as
above we affirm of our certain knowledge that the
Law which Established the Paper Credit was readily

Complyed

Complyed with by all persons without distinction was an undeniable Evidence thereof Silver in Common Exchange for Paper money was universially given throughout the whole Province We again take notice that the Gent.n Petition.rs Assures his Majesty that they Complain not only in their own Names but in the Names and on the behalfe of many other Traders and Inhabitants in this Province to make this appear is certainly incumbent on those Gentlemen and with all possible Patience we shall expect they will produce their Credentials for that Assertion and in the meantime we Assure your Excellency that the Inhabitants of this Province by a numerous Majority and most of the Eminent Merchants and Traders residing here are professedly willing to Joyn unanimously in an Address to his Gracious Majesty for a Settled Currency of Paper Credit as being well Assured that the Trade of the Province will be destroyed without it for we plainly see and feel that if we are Constrained to Barter all our Merchandize and effects we shall be reduced to the Last Confusion and Extremity the Gent.n Petition.rs also shew that the Governour failed in his Promise to call in the paper money as above mentioned we are of Opinion that no Promise from the Govern.t could

could be any Solid Advantage to the Currency of the Paper money for all Merchants and others are so watchfull over their respective Interests that the same over Ballances all other Motives whatsoever and hence we Conclude this Branch of the Parragraph that the Paper Credill was for the Real Interest of all concerned in it because no Compluint was Exhibited against it for Several Years and as to the encreasing the said Bills the Laws by which they were Established fully Manifests to which we beg leave to refere your Excellency And Whereas the Gentn Petitionrs Assures his Majesty that the Value of the Paper Credill was so deminished that £100 of it would not Produce an £100 Sterling but say not a word that £100 Sterling would purchase £1000 in Paper money if not more by all which it still appears to us that the Merchants were never Injured by the Paper money as such tho we acknowledge that they Suffered by the long Credit that was given in which time the Produce of the Province increased greatly in it Value and demand and this we apprehend could not justly be imputed to the Augmentation of the Paper money; but to the Indian Warr which was one Cause (known to the whole Province)

Province) of the Advance of the Price of all Merchandizes for the Merch^ts would not Dispose of their goods for Paper money or not for Mortgages on Land because neither were exportable during the Warr but we conceive that this was no real lessening of the Credit of the Paper money or the Value of the Land any otherwise then that the precarious effects of a Cruel Indian Warr made their Value for futurity doubtfull because it could not be certain whether the Warr would Issue in favour of the Christians or Indians but after the Warr was finished & a Peace Contracted both the Bills & the Land returned to their true Value (and was again in Esteem with all) the Gent^n Petition^rs Excepted) and the Reason of the Advance of the Price of the Produce of this Province was the Vast import of goods which amounted to more than the export which of necessity will raise the Price of Produce in every Country whether there be Paper Credit or not. Having Vindicated the Paper Credit as far as the Nature of an Address would Permit and being Assured that due care will be taken by the next General Assembly to set that affair in its proper light and thereby justifie all your Excellencys Proceedings therein and resting Satisfied therewith

we

we shall only beg that your Excellency will engage in this Weighty affair when it shall Please God you safely Arrive in England and we cant doubt but the Arguments your Excellency will receive from all Quarters under the Management of a Person of your Excell.cys abilities must prevail with his Sacred Majesty against all Oppositions to our Paper Credit.

Which Concludes Your Excellencys most Obed.t Humble Servts

Recorded in the book
of Records belonging to
the Court of Wando Precinct
Decemb.r the 8.th 1724

Robert Fenwick
Thos Lynch
Geo Logan
Thos Boone
Thos Barksdale

Recd 15.th April
Read 18.th Nov.r } 1725

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(Enclosure to Letter 21 Jan 1724) (December 22d 1724)

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty

The Humble Petition of your Majesties Most Dutifull and Loyal Subjects the Inhabitants of the County of Granvile in this Your Majesties Province of South Carolina

Humbly Shewing

That Your Petitioners are Informed that Certain Merchants Tradeing to this Your Majesties Province have Lately Exhibited to Your Majestie their Petition Complaining of the many hardships they have Laboured under on e Occasion of the Stamping and Printing Paper Bills of Credit in this Province and that such Bills have been imposed upon the Traders and Inhabitants here by your Majesties Governour and Assembly in Satisfaction of their Merchandizes and effects.

We do hereby most Humbly beg Leave to Represent to Your Majesty that the Issuing out the Paper Bills Above mentioned was in no wise the Occasion of the Rise of the Produce of this Province but that when the said Bills were Issued from time to time this Province was under an Invincible necessity to pay Forces Suddenly raised On very Emergent Occasions and that

that when the Greater part of them were Issued it was on Account of the Indian Warr when there was no Sufficient Quantity of Gold and Silver and there could be no Publick Loans because the Intire destruction of the Country was at that time feared by every one.

As an Example of what we have Humbly taken Leave to set forth to your Majestie when a very large Sum was Sunk in the Year 1717 Rice Advanced to the Price of Four pounds p hundred and Pitch to the same Price p barrell and in the Year 1719 and 1720 when 3400 pounds in Bills were Printed Rice fell To 40 Shillings p hundred and Pitch to 40 Shillings p barrell.

That your Petitioners Doubt not but it will be made appear to your Majestie by this Province that the Merchants can receive no Damage by the Bills or Paper money Complained of for that they have Advanced on their Sterling Invoices from 900 to 1200 Pound p Cent for these Nine Years past But if your Majestie Should be pleased to order that Proclamation money Should be the only Currencie of this Province they will Gain 200 or 300 pound p Cent Sterling on their Prime Cost We Humbly hope and Conceive that the Orders transmitted hither by their Excellencies the Lords Regents to Your

Majesties

Majesties Governour and Assembly here have been duely complyed with as near as the Necessity of this Province would Permitt.

Your Petitioners therefore most Humbly pray your Majesty to Suspend your Royal consideration on the Subject matter of the said Petition untill this Province can have an Opportunity to Transmitt Proper Vouchers to Support not onely what is above Alledged but also what may be Necessary to be Offered to your Majestie for the Interest of this Part of your Majesties Dominions

And Your Majesties Most Dutifull and Loyal Subjects (as in Duty Bound) shall ever Pray &c

Beaufort Decemb^{r} 22^{d} 1720.

James	Hatcher	Sam^{ll}	Nicholls	John Woodward
Wm	Nicholls	Joh	Turner	John Palmer
Thos	Stone	All^{r}	Mc Clean	William Hayzard
Wm	Ferguson	Jam^{s}	Watson	Joseph Parmenter
J. B.	Ferguson	James	Dunby	Randall Evans
Jr	Norton	Algenon	Ash	Wm Mitchell
Robt	Orr	John	Cowen	Peter Parmenter
Robt	Wilkinson	George	Norton	William Crokey
Thos	Hardwick	John	Tripp Jnr	Richard Rickells Morgan

Morgan Ellios	John Field	Andrew Paterson
Jos. Finn	John Tripp	Abell Barger
Jos. Parmenter	Thomas Hatcher	Barnabas Gilbert
Pell Parmenter	Jonathan Norton	Jacob Wright
Thel. Parmenter	Tho. Parmenter	Jos. Parmenter
Wm. Seforee	Archi. Hastings	

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(12th January 1726)

1724/5

South Carolina Is Duplicate

George by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c

To All and singular our Loving Subjects of our Province aforesaid.

Whereas the Members Elected to serve in the Commons House of Assembly of this our said Province of South Carolina, by virtue of our Writs bearing date the Second of December now last past were appointed to meet on the Present day And Whereas Twenty five of the said Members summoned by the Church Wardens were required to attend our Governour and Council, to qualifie themselves to sit as Members in the said Commons House of Assembly And Whereas Sixteen of the said Members declared to our said Govern[r] and Council, that they would not qualifie they conceiving that they were not legally chosen; We have therefore thought fit, with the advice of our said Council, to issue this our Proclamation, hereby declaring that the Assembly Elected by virtue of the said Writs, to be Disolved. And We do hereby

hereby discharge all manner of persons from their attendance thereon.

Given at our Council Chamber in Charles Town the Twelfth day of January 1724 in the Eleventh year of our Reign. Witness our Trusty and well beloved Francis Nicholson Esqr our Capt General and Governour in Cheif of our Province, and Vice Admiral of the same

Fr: Nicholson

By His Excell^{cy} Comm^{d}

Char: Hart Sec^{ry}

(L.S.) Sth Carolina. A true Copy Jan^{ry} 18th 1724

ff Char: Hart Sec^{ry}

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N.B. Copy of a Writ for Electing Members of the Commons House of Assembly dated 12 Jany 1724/5 is omitted a fac simile having been Spread Decr 1724 Vol 2

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(Enclosure to Letter 21 Jan 1725)

Directions to the Gentlemen Church Wardens in each Parish in relation to their Duty Pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly Entituled an Act to Assertain the manner and form of Electing Members to Represent the Inhabitants in this Province in the Comons House of Assembly &c Ratified September 19th 1721.

First You are on Receipt of the Precept immediately to go before a Justice of the Peace and take the Oath under written when you have taken such Oath you must give Notice of the Election two Sundays by Posting the Same at the Church Door

The Oath to be administred Viz.t

You A. B. and C. D. Shall well and Faithfully Execute the Writt to you directed according to the true intent and meaning of the Act of the General Assembly Entituled &c So help you God

Secondly The Electors are to be free White men and no other Person who has attained to the age of 21 Years and hath been a Resident and an Inhabitant in this Province for the Space of one whole Year before the date of the Writts for the Election he offers

offers to give his Vote at having a Freehold of at least 50 Acres or hath been Taxed in the Precedent Year 20 Shillings or 20 Shillings the Year present.

thirdly You are to enter the Names in a Book or Roll of every person who gives in his Vote least one Person should Vote Twice.

4thly You are to prepare a box or Glass in which you shall receive each mans Vote in a peice of Paper Rolled up

5thly You are to Continue in the Parish Church or other place appointed by the Precept two Days to receive Votes beginning at Nine in the Morning and and at four in the Evening and at the time of adjourning the Poll you are to put on the Box or Glass your own Seales and the Seales of any of the Electors and the Same to open in their presence.

6thly At four a Clock in the Evening the Second Day you are to enter the Names of Persons Voted for and the Persons that shall be found (upon the Scruting made) to have the Majority of Votes shall be declared to be Members of the Succeeding Commons House of Assembly And the Names of the Persons so Chosen are to be put on the Church Dore within Seven daies after the Scruting is made

that

that the Persons so Elected may attend the House at the time Appointed under the Penalty of £100

7thly You are not willingly or knowingly to admitt of any Persons Vote not Qualified as aforesaid or open or Suffer to be opened any Vote before a Scruting is made and likewise make due return of the Persons Elected under the Penalty of £100 —

Lastly You are to attend the Commons House of Assembly the first two daies of their Sitting to inform them of all such matters and disputes that have arisen in and about the Election under the Penalty of 10 pounds

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(6th January 1724/5)
South Carolina

1724 Thos Gadsden Collr to his Majesty Dr

		Sterling		
		£	s.	d
7ber 29th	To Ballce due to his Majesty this day	10.	2.	3
Octr 10th	To cash Recd of Mr Dan Green Sixty five pounds in Carolina bills for Ten pounds Sterling being his Majesties third part of a bond forfeited Signed by ye said Green & George Marshall Maor of ye Brigantine Esther bearing date ye 8th day of September 1721 for a parcell of Cordige Imported in ye s.d Brigantine from London & St Martins Detained by Mr Richd Wigg Searchr for want of a Cocq	10.		
		£ 20	2	3

South Carolina Jany ye 6th 1724

The above Accot Sworn to before me

Js Nicholson

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Port of Charles Town

1721	Per Contra		Sterling		
Decemr 7th	By Cash pd Mr Pain Nine pounds Ten Shillings in Carolina Bills for a ream of fine post paper for ye use of ye Custom house at 100 pCt is Sterling	£	1.	18.	—
	by a peam of Corser d° five pounds Carolina bills at 100 pCt Discd	£	1.	.	—
	by 100 Quills a penknife Ink powder Waffers & ribbon £2. 12. 6 Carolina bills		.	10	1½
24th	By Cash pd Mr Richd Wigg Twenty five pounds Carolina bills for one quarters rent of ye Custom house, being Inlarged On Acct of William Saxby Esqr Surveyr & Comptr having an Office thro Ocations An Additional Charge of forty pounds pr Anne ye whole Amounting to One Hundred pounds pr Annū Carolina bills at 100 pCt Discd	£	5.	.	—
	by ye Approbation of ye Surveyr & Comptr		8	8	14
	Ballce Due to his Majesty Sterling	£	11	14	1½
	Jan.y 1st 1724 / pr Thos Gadsden Coll		20	. 2	3

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Charles Town Febuary 1724/5

May it Please your Lordships

I hope in God your Lordps have & will receive all my Letters Packetts &c which According to my Duty I sent your Lordps by Several Ships We have the good Fortune of the Weather continuing Extraordinary good which gives the People an Opportunity of making Pitch & getting their Rice ready & bringing both Commodities down here in Order either to be sold here or Shipt off for which reason the Ships and Vessells have been Loaded & its Supposed that every Week their will be some Cleared, so that all that are here now will (God willing) be ready to Sail by the Later end of next Month and were are in daily hopes of Ships & Vessells Arriving from Great Brittain the Continent & the West Indies & we have Expected Some for about these two Months, but when please God they Arrive we are in hopes they will Carry away all the Rice and Pitch that is made

Having this Opportunity by a Ship bound for Topsham I thought it a Duty Incumbent on me to Transmitt to your Lordps Copys of some papers Concerning the Meeting of our Assembly and I hope in

in God as we begin this Session so it will be Ended in three Weeks or a Month at the Farthest, & that those two Inseperables his Majties Interest and Service & that of this his Province will be promoted for the Accomplishmt thereof. I begg leave to Assure your Lordps that nothing shall be wanting that lyes in the power of

Your Lordships most Obliged
Obedt Faithfull humble Servt
Jr. Nicholson

Lords of Trade

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27th February 1724/5

Sent to Mr Yonge

The Governours Speech the 24th Febry to the Commons House of Assembly and their Answer of Febuary 26th
The Governours Speech to the Commons House of Assembly of Febuary 26th
Mr Speakers Speech to the Governour of Febry 26th &
the Governours answer of Febry 26th with the Copy of Mr Speakers answer
The Governours Speech to the Commons House of Assembly with a List of Papers letters &c of the 27th February sent to the Comons House
Duplicate of a Letter of Febuary 17th with the Copy of Captn Palmers Receipt
Charles Town So Carolina

Sr Nicholson

Recd 21st May
Read 18th Novr } 1725

B. P. R. O South carolina B.T. Vol 2 B 139

(24th & 25th February 1725)

The Govrs Speech of the 24th Febry to the Comons House of Assembly and their Answer of 25th Febry Referr'd to in Genl Nicholsons L: of 27th Febry 1724/5

Recd 21st May
Read 18th Novr } 1725

B. P. R. O South Carolina B.T. Vol 2 B 140

(24th & 25th February 1726)

Mr Speakers Speech to the Governor of 24th Febry and the Governors Answer Vo

Referred to in Genl Nicholsons L: of 27th Febry 1724/5

Recd 21st May
Read 18th Novr } 1726

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(24th & 26th Febry 1726)

The Governors Speech to the Comons House of Assembly of Febry 26th

Referrd to in Genl Nicholsons L: of 27th Febry 1724/5

Recd 21st May
Read 18th Novr } 1726

B. P. R. O South Carolina B. T. Vol 2 B 142

(27th February 1725)

The Govr Speech to the Comons House of Assembly with a List of Papers Letters &c of the 27th Febry sent to the Comons House of Assembly

Referrd to in Genl Nicholsons Ltr of the 27th Febry 1724/5

Recd 21st May
Read 18th Novr } 1725

B. P. R. O. South Carolina B. T. Vol 2 B 143

(27th February 1725)

The Govr thanks to the Comons House of Assembly for their Address of 27th Febry

Referrd to in Genl Nicholsons Ltr of 27th Febry 1724/5

Recd 21st May
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B. P. R. O. South Carolina B. T. Vol 2 Bundle

South Carolina March ye 27th 1725

May it please your Lordp.

I did my self the Honr of writing to your Lordp. the 27th of Febry last which I hope your Lordp. will receive I thank God the Affairs of the Assembly goes on very well tho' they meet with a great deal of Trouble concerning the laying of the Tax which amounts to £16,638. 18. 1 to be lenyed upon Lands & Slaves &c which was past the 20th of this Instant in the Evening and I herewith humbly Transmitt to your Lordp. a Rough Acct I had from Coll. Parris as Treasurer but his Accot which are very many and different Natures cant be quite finished till please God the Assembly Sitts again which are Adjourned only to the Sixth of the next Month

I herewith also send your Lordp. a Rough Acct which I had from Major Thomas Hepworth one of the three Gent Appointed by Act of Assembly for Printing the New Bills those bills in the Treasurers hands bigt Three Thousand odd hundred pounds will be burnt before the Assembly risses which I hope will be in a Fortnight after their Meeting the Bank

Comissrs

Comiss^rs have I think already burnt about Two Thousand pounds out of the Four Thousand odd hundred and I am in hopes they will receive the remainder in Order to be burnt in a Fortnight or three Weeks & then your Lordp^s will please to see by the Accot that there will be Eighteen Thousand pounds burnt.

I find tis a Genl Complaint that the bills are very Scarce & that there is a great Want of them in Order to circulate the Trade and this affair of the Currency hath taken up much of the Assembly's time both in the House and Comittees & the like hath happened about Settling the Indian Trade and Affairs but I hope in God before the Assembly brake up those Affairs will be Settled to your Lordp^s Satisfaction & that I may have the Honour of Presenting to Your Lordp^s in the Interim I remain

Your Lordp^s Most Obiged Obed^t & Faithfull humbly Servt

Lords of Trade

Fr Nicholson

P.S. With this is a List of Ships and Vessells by wch & what I have already sent to your Lordp^s, your Lordp^s may please to see what Flourishing Trade is here & tis Supposed by the middle of next Month that

that not above Two or three Ships and Vessells will be left; to find what I now write your Lordships approved of by your Lordp.s will be very Acceptable to

I. N.

The manner of assessing the Tax of the 16,658. 18. 1 viz.t One Sixth part thereof on the real & personal Estate Stocks & Abilities of the Sev.l Inhabitants of Charles Town over and besides their Lands & Slaves in the Country & the other five Sixth parts on the Sev.l Inhabitants living and residing without the Limitts of Charles Town Viz.t Twenty Shilling p.r head on the Slaves from 7 to 60 Years old & 5.s p.r hundred Acres on their Land Moreover the Storekeepers in the Country are to pay for their Stores after the rate & manner that the Inhabitants of Charles Town pay for their Stocks &.c

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24 mai 1725

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(27th March 1725)

Account of the Present Currency

New Bills delivered to the Treasurer towards the payment of the Publick debts pr ye Commissio^rs Amt £ 40 000. — . —

D^o Exchang'd by the Commissio^rs for old Bills and by them burnt in the p^rsence of His Excell^y the Govern^r & others at several times as p Certificate Amo^t to £ 66 482. 10. 9

£ 106 482. 10. 9

Charles Town March 27th 1725
This was given by Maj^r Hepworth
to Sr Nicholas

Receid 2^d May
Read 15th Nov^r } 1725

In N Bills of Credit in ye Province of S^o Carolina

1724
Novr 10 Burnt of ye New Bills by the Treasurer
In the p^rsence of his Excellency the Govern^r.
& others being for Moneys rec^d as p^r Certificate
Amo^t to £ 7380. — . —
D^o in the Hands of d^o to be burnt for duty^s £ 3298. — . —
" Burnt of d^o by the Bank Commissi^rs in
the p^rsence of Several Gent^n as p^r
Certificate Amo^t to £ 3849 " — . —
Bills in their hands & to Receive
to be burnt £ 4267. — " —
Remaining in the present Currency
in New Bills £ 87694 . 10 . 9
£ 106482 . 10 . 9

Total of the New Bills burnt and to be burnt is
£ 18788 " 10 . 9

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9th March 1724/5

The Account of New Bills By the Comissioners of
1724 The Bank Dr.

February 10th	15	of 20£ Bills	£ 300. — . —	
	12	of 15£	180. — . —	
	10	of 12£	120. — . —	
	10	of 8£	80. — . —	£ 680. — . —
March 9th	45	of 20£ Bills	£ 900. — . —	
	25	of 15£	375. — . —	
	1	of 12£	12. — . —	£ 1287. — . —
				£ 1967. — . —

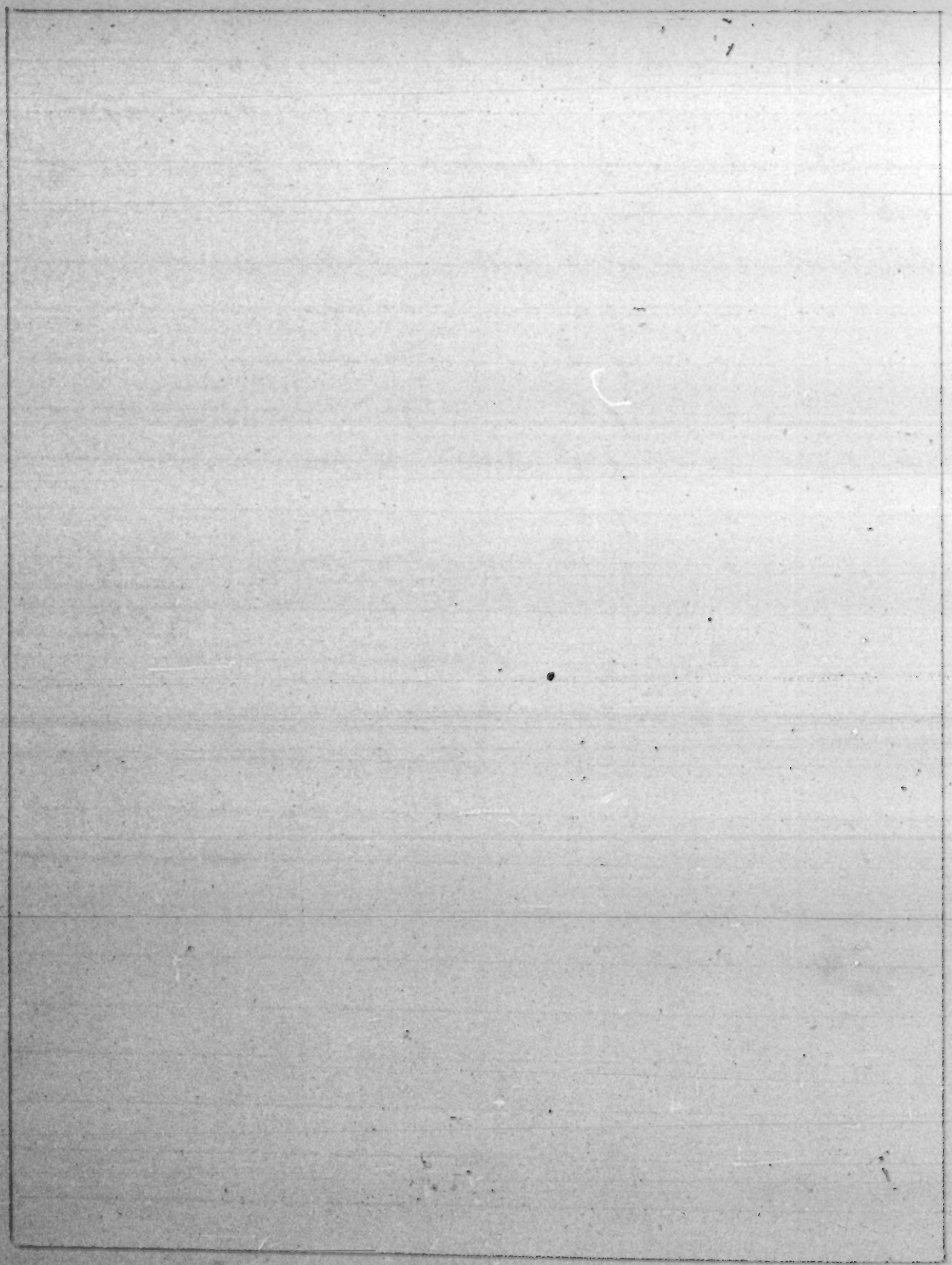
Outstanding £ 237l. 10. —

to be burnt when Received

March 9th 1724

A true Copy Teste John Croft
Clk to Dr Comissrs

Recd 31st May
Read 18th Novr } 1726



Bust

27 mars 1828

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(24th March 1725)

The Publick	Dr
To Cash paid the Severall Ministers their Salary from the 26th March 1724 to 29th Sept Last	1958. 6. 8
To Cash paid ditto from the 29th of September to the 25th of March 1726	2625. —. —
	£ 4583. 6. 8

The Publick	Dr
To the ballce of the above Accot due to the Ministers for their Salarys to be paid out of the duty of goods Imported & Exported as by Law Appropriated	£ 2812. 19. 2
To Cash paid the Treasurer for his Salary for one Year	£ 1000. —. —
To the Land Waiters for their Salary	100. —. —
To the Drawbacks of goods Re exported	400. —. —
To Scrall Bills burnt Amounting to	7380. —. —
	£ 11692. 19. 2
By Bills remaining in the Treasurs hands to be burnt Amounting to	3298. 5. 1
	£ 14991. 4. 3

Per Contra	Cr
By Cash recd for duty of Sundry Skins exported from the 15th Febr 1723/4 to 15th Febr 1724/5	£ 177o. 7. 6
By Ballc due to be paid out of the duty of goods Imported and Exported	2812. 19. 2
	£ 4583. 6. 8

Per Contra	Cr
By the duty of goods imported and Exported from 15th Febr 1723/4 to the 15th Augt 1724 Amoting to	£ 7o14. 9. 7½
By duty of ditto from the 15th August 1724 to the 15th Febr 1724/5 Amounting to	7o26. 14. 7½
	£ 14991. 4. 3

Charles Town March 27th 1726
This was sent from Alexr Parris Esq Treasurer to
Jr Nicholson

Recd 31st May
Read 18th Novr } 1725

B. P. R. O. South Carolina B. T. Vol 2 B 111.

Charles Town April the 8th 1725

May it Please your Lordships

I hope in God your Lordships will receive my Letter of the 27th of March last, as also this, by which I send Thomas Gadsden Esqr Lists of Entring and Clearing of Ships and Vessells, as also Mr Hammerton Esq my Naval Officer lists of Ships and Vessells now here, by which your Lordships may please to see the State of the Trade of this his Majesties Province, 'tis supposed that they will be all Sailed from hence by the Middle of May next. I herewith Transmitt to your Lordships the List of the Laws past, and they are preparing Copys of them as likewise the Journals of the Council and Assembly and I hope in God to have the Honour of Presenting them to your Lordships I designing to Embark on board the Cleveland the 16th or 17th of May. The Assembly desired to Adjourn to the 11th of May because the time of Year required their being at home for to Plant their Rice Indian Corn &c and there are Comittees appointed to draw Petitions Addresses &c to his most Sacred Majesty, as likewise the State of this his Majesty's Province, all which I hope to have the Honour of

presenting

presenting to your Lordships and you may be pleased to see in the List of Acts there is one appointing the Honble Francis Yonge Esqr to be Agent a Copy of which I herewith Transmitt your Lordships as likewise the Commons house of Assembly their Address to him who is

Your Lordships

Most Obliged Obedt

Lords of Trade Faithfull humble Servt

Jr Nicholson

P.S. Inclosed is yr Docquet of yr Gendl Sessions April 21st 1726

Receid 22d June
Read Novr 18th } 1726

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(April 30th 1725)

A List of the Laws passed by the present Assembly 1725

An Ordinance for Adjournment of the General Sessions

An Act for raising the Sum of £1668. 11. 1 for the Defraying the Charges of the Government &c passed the 24th March

An Act to Impower the Church Wardens of St Georges Parish to sell and dispose of the present Glebe and to purchase another for the use of the Rect.r of the said Parish 24th

An Act for the founding and Erecting Governing Ordering and Visiting a Free School at the Town of Dorchester in the Parish of St Georges in Berkley County for the use of the Inhabitants of the Province of South Carolina passed march the 24th 1725

An Act for appointing an Agent to Sollicit the affairs of this Province in Great Brittain passed 17th April

An Act for Vesting the Sole Right of holding and keeping a Ferry over black River in Prince Georges Parish in Alexander Montgomery his Heirs and Assigns for ten Years passed the 17th April

An Act to Impower the Comiss.rs of the New Brick Church in Charles Town or any three of them to Purchase

Purchase Convenient Lott or Lotts or part of Lotts in the said Town for a Church Yard passed the 17th April

An Act for the Encouragement of making Salt in the Province of South Carolina passed the 17th April

An Act for the better Regulation of the Indian Trade and for appointing a Commiss.r for that purpose and to Survey and Supervise the Garrisons passed 17 Apr.

An Act for vesting the Sole Right of making Salt in this Province in William Mellichamp his Heirs and Assigns for fourteen Years passed the 17th April

An Act for Establishing a Ferry from the Plantation of James Fpicham deceased in Colleton County a Cross Pon Pon River and for appointing a Scout at Pon Pon and for Excempting the Inhabitants of Kassamsaw from working on a Road from William Smiths Plantation Chapel of Goose Creek passed the 17th April

An Act to Revive and Continue the Severall Acts therein mentioned passed the 17th April

An Act for preventing the Sea's further Incroachment upon the Wharf or Street commonly called the Bay in Charles Town and for the Expeditious repairing and finishing the Front Hall thereof passed April 17th

South Carolina Charles Town April 30th 1725 Jr: Nicholson

Recd 6th July
Read 18th Nov.} 1725

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(17th April 1720)

Copy of the Commons House of Assembly's Address to the Governor

Refer'd to in Genl Nicholsons Ltr of 30th April 1720

Recd 5th July

Read 18th Nov 1720

An Act for the better Settling of the Courts of Justice.

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NB. There is not a single Entry relating to South Carolina for the year 1726. W.S.d.